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THE  
LAWS & ACTS  
OF THE  
General Assembly  
FOR  
Their Majesties Province  
OF  
NEW-YORK,

As they were Enacted in divers Sessions, the first of  
which began *April*, the 9th, *Annoq; Domini*,  
1691.

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*Wm. Bradford*  
*Printer*  
*New-York*

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At *New-York*,  
Printed and Sold by *William Bradford*, Printer to their Majesties, King  
*William & Queen Mary*, 1694



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## FOREWORD

The common law of England was styled by Blackstone *lex non scripta*, being that portion of the law which was based on immemorial usage and universal reception as distinguished from *lex scripta*, the written or statute law. The only method of proving that the common or unwritten law exists is by showing that it has always been the custom to observe it. Obviously laws which depend for their authority on tradition or which are communicated from former ages to the present solely by word of mouth, never can be entirely definite or stationary; and so we see the truth of the statement that "the present common law of England is as dissimilar from that of Edward III. as is the present state of society." The same principle applies to the history of nations. A large part of that which we call history is made up of hearsay statements, more or less colored by the bias or prejudice of the writer. Hence the historic records of a state or nation find their most permanent as well as their most accurate expression in its statutes or written laws. By reference to the statutes of a nation we are able to trace with exactness the spirit, purposes and ideals which underlie its action as well as to ascertain the state of intelligence, learning and accomplishments of its people. The laws passed by the English Colonies in America are most instructive to us as showing the sources from which much of our present statutory law is derived. A comparison of their development in the several Colonies well repays the student of our institutions. Unfortunately the collections of such material are comparatively few in number and difficult of access to the student of this branch of our history.

The Honorable Nicholas Trott, Chief Justice of South Carolina, formed, about 1715, the first collection of American colonial statutory law. He describes the books in his collection in the preface to his work on Ecclesiastical Laws. By comparison with the well known collection made by Mr. Charles R. Hildeburn for Charlemagne Tower and now in the Pennsylvania Historical Society's library in Philadelphia, the first collection seems rather meagre. As time goes on collections of the original issues of works of this character become more and more difficult to form, on account of the relatively small number of copies of any particular book that was issued. For example, the collections of the Sessional issues in all the public libraries taken together do not comprise a complete original run or set of New York Colonial statutes. In forming the collection described in this catalogue, naturally the statute laws of my own state and city, in the colonial and constitutional periods, presented the most attractive field of research; hence the New York section of this collection contains items of greater rarity than will be found in respect of most of the other Colonies, although of the latter there are many scarce items.

[Signed] RUSSELL BENEDICT

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
January 1, 1922





## RÉSUMÉ OF JUDGE RUSSELL BENEDICT'S COLLECTION OF ACTS AND LAWS

THE Collection of Laws belonging to Judge Russell Benedict, to be offered at Unrestricted Public Sale by the American Art Association, on the afternoon and evening of February 27th, 1922, is the Most Important Collection of its kind that has ever been brought together by a private party. Its interest centers not alone in its legal sphere, but also around the historical events of the most fascinating periods in American History.

Not only has Judge Benedict endeavored to make his Collection as complete as possible, especially in relation to the Laws of New York, but in doing so he has also striven after the finest possible copies to be obtained, with the result that he has brought together examples of many of the most important Laws of Colonial times, which are not only excessively rare and valuable, but also unique in their state.

The number of examples printed by the early New York printers, especially those by William Bradford, the first New York Printer, is remarkable in its extent, there being no less than 26 imprints by William Bradford, 16 by Hugh Gaine, 16 by James Parker, 14 by W. Weyman, 5 by John Peter Zenger, and 7 by John Holt. Among other imprints are those by Benjamin Franklin, James Franklin, Daniel Fowle, Isaac Collins, Bartholomew and Timothy Green, and other early printers of the thirteen Original Colonies, a complete list of whom will be found at the end of this résumé.

AMONG THE MORE NOTABLE NEW YORK ITEMS ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FOLLOWING,—

NEW YORK STATE: THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL PRINTED BY WILLIAM BRADFORD, the first New York Printer,—*Acts of Assembly*, 1691–1725; *First Compiled Laws*, 1694, one of 8 known copies; *Session Laws*, 1695, 1697, 1702, 1708, 1709 (5 issues); *Fee Ordinances*, 1710; 2 copies of the Rare *Second Revision* of the Laws, 1710, one with added matter in the form of Ordinances; The Rare *Third Revision* of the Laws, 1713, with added Acts; *Session Laws*, 1715; The Rare *Fourth Revision* of the Laws, 1719; *Ordinance* for Recording Deeds, 1723; *Session Law*, 1726; The only known copy of *The Ordinance for Regulating Fees*, 1728.

Complete and Certified Copy of the *Duke of York's Charter*, 1683; Signed Document of the *Schenectady Degree of Her Majesty's Council*, 1703; Autograph Document, Signed, by *William Bradford*, 1710; One of two known copies of the *Charge of Chief Justice Morris*, printed by

John Peter Zenger, 1727; also Zenger's Imprint of the *Complaint of James Alexander and William Smith* to the Committee of the General Assembly of New York, 1735; The only known Copies of the *Session Laws*, for Nov., 1751, Nov., 1752, July and Dec., 1753, May, August and Dec., 1754., Feb. and Dec., 1755, Dec., 1756, March, 1758, March, 1759, March, 1760, April, 1761. Unique Copy, with *Manuscript Laws* in the autograph of William Smith, of his edition of the Laws of 1752; Thick Paper Copy of *Livingston and Smith's Edition* of the Laws for 1762; One of two known copies of *Livingston's Address*, 1755; The only known copy of a *Form of Prayer*, printed by Weyman, 1760; Rare Collection of five *Ordinances* printed by Gaine, 1767-1768; The William Smith Copies of the *Session Laws* for 1762 to 1769, each, one of three copies known; The only known copy of the *Assembly Votes* for 1764 and 1765; Gaine's issue of the *Journal of the Assembly*, 1764-1766; The only known copy of the *Five Pounds Act*, printed by Gaine, 1772; *Journals of the Provincial Congress*, 1775-1777; Three Contemporary Issues of the *Constitution of New York*, 1777, including the very rare original issue by Loudon of Fish-Kill; and the most complete series of *New York Assembly Documents*, for 1820-1821 extant.

Among other items of RARITY are,—*Laws of New York City*, printed by W. Bradford, 1731; *Charter of New York City*, printed by J. P. Zenger, 1735; Holt's Edition of the *Laws and Ordinances of New York City*, 1763; *Laws of the British Plantations in America*, 1721; Complete Collection of Printed Briefs in the House of Lords in the Case of *Davison vs. Trott*, 1728; Franklin's Edition of the *Laws of Delaware*, 1752; *Journals of Congress*, 1774 and 1779; First Compiled *Laws of Maryland*, 1727; *General Laws of Massachusetts*, printed by Green, 1675; also the Compilation of 1699; *Laws of New Hampshire*, printed by Green, 1717; also the *First* and *Second* Edition of *Fowle*, 1761 and 1771; Rare Broadside on the *New Hampshire Convention*, 1778; *Laws of North Carolina*, by Davis, 1752; The ONLY KNOWN COPY of *A Modest Vindication of the Proceedings of the Assembly of New Jersey in their Resolves touching a Separate Governor*, printed by W. Bradford, 1729; First Collected *Laws of Pennsylvania*, printed by A. Bradford, 1714; The 1742 edition of the *Laws of Pennsylvania*, printed by B. Franklin; Third Revision of the *Laws of Rhode Island*, printed by the Widow Franklin, 1745; also the *Acts and Laws of Rhode Island*, printed by James Franklin, 1752; *Trott's Laws of South Carolina*, 1736; Original Issue of the *Constitution of South Carolina*, 1790; *Statutes of Vermont*, 1787; The ONLY KNOWN COPY of the "Culpepper-Grant" in Virginia, circa 1684; Purvis's *Laws of Virginia*, 1684; Rare Original Williamsburg Issues of the *Acts of Assembly of Virginia*, 1733, 1752, 1754, 1755, and others.

AMONG THE MORE NOTABLE ITEMS OF AMERICANA ARE THE FOLLOWING,—Smith's *History of New York*, First Edition, Fine Copy, 1757;



Montanus's *Onbekende IWeereld*, with view of New York, 1671; Long series of *The Independent Reflector*, a weekly paper edited by William Livingston, 1753; Two rare issues of Zenger's paper, *The New York Weekly Journal*, 1734; Original Edition of Horsmanden's *Negro Plot*, 1744; First Edition of Irving's *History of New York*; Complete set of Valentine's *Manuals of New York*, 1841-1866; Stokes's *Iconography of Manhattan Island*; Thick Paper Copy of both volumes of the Original Edition of the *Federalist*, one with inscription by Alexander Hamilton; Rare Broadside *Proclamation by Gov. De Lancey* of New York, 1757, on the French and Indian War; Document Signed by *Gov. Fitch* of Connecticut, 1755; A Very Important Revolutionary Orderly Book by *Maj.-Gen. William Heath*, 1776-1777; Fine Signed Document by *Hugh Williamson*, on the Federal Constitution, and others of importance.

NEARLY ALL THE ITEMS IN JUDGE BENEDICT'S COLLECTION ARE IN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE STATE OF PRESERVATION. MANY ARE IN UNCUT STATE, WHILE THE GREATER NUMBER SHOW UNUSUALLY WIDE MARGINS. On account of this it has been thought advisable to supplement the usual form of giving sizes by a more comprehensible method, to which end, a notation of the size of each item, in inches, is given in parentheses after the usual notation of the same.

From the standpoint of the typographical art of America during its early days, down to the early 19th century, Judge Benedict's Collection shows a remarkable array of noted names connected with the introduction of printing in America. It has therefore been thought advisable to give a list of the printers represented, which will be found on the following two pages.

NAMES OF 17th AND 18th CENTURY AMERICAN PRINTERS  
WITH DATE OF THEIR WORK AS REPRESENTED IN  
JUDGE RUSSELL BENEDICT'S COLLECTION  
OF ACTS AND LAWS

- ADAMS (SAMUEL AND JOHN) of Newcastle, Delaware, 1797.  
ADAMS (THOMAS) of Boston, Mass., 1790-1792.  
ADAMS AND LARKINS of Boston, Mass., 1794-1796.  
ADAMS AND NOURSE of Boston, Mass., 1784-1789.  
AITKEN (JOHN) of Philadelphia, Pa., 1790-1800.  
BABCOCK (ELISHA) of Hartford, Conn., 1789.  
BAILEY (FRANCIS) of Philadelphia, 1782.  
BLAUVELT (ABRAHAM) of New-Brunswick, N. J., 1800.  
BRADFORD (ANDREW) of Philadelphia, 1714-1732, son of William Bradford, the first printer of New York and Pennsylvania.  
BRADFORD (THOMAS) of Philadelphia, 1774, son of William Bradford, 3rd.  
BRADFORD (WILLIAM) of New York, 1694-1731. First Printer in the Colonies of Pennsylvania and New York.  
BRADFORD (WILLIAM) of Philadelphia, 1732, son of William Bradford, the first printer.  
BRADFORD (WILLIAM) of Philadelphia, 1752-1774, grandson of William Bradford, the first printer.  
CARTER AND WILKINSON of Providence, R. I., 1798.  
CHILDS (FRANCIS) AND SWAINE (JOHN) of New York and Philadelphia, 1787-1795.  
CHILDS (JOHN) of Philadelphia, 1796.  
CLAYLAND, DOBBIN & Co. of Philadelphia, 1795.  
CLAYPOOLE (DAVID G.) of Philadelphia, 1779.  
COLLINS (ISAAC) of Burlington and Trenton, N. J., 1776-1786.  
CRAFT (GERSHAM) of Trenton, N. J., 1799.  
DAVIS (AUGUSTINE) of Richmond, Va., 1794-1796.  
DAVIS (JAMES) of Newbern, N. C., 1752-1773.  
DAY (MATHIAS) of Trenton, N. J., 1795-1797.  
DRAPER (JOHN) of Boston, Mass., 1734-1738.  
DRAPER (RICHARD) of Boston, Mass., 1765-1766.  
DRAPER (SAMUEL) of Boston, 1765-1766.  
EDES (BENJAMIN) AND SONS of Boston, 1781-1783.  
FAY (JOSIAH) of Rutland, Vt., 1798.  
FOWLE (DANIEL) of Portsmouth, N. H., 1761-1768.  
FOWLE (ROBERT) of Portsmouth and Exeter, N. H., 1768-1778.  
FOWLE (ZECHARIAH) of Exeter, N. H., 1780.  
FRANKLIN (ANNE, widow of James Franklin, the brother of Benjamin) of Newport, R. I., 1745.



FRANKLIN (BENJAMIN) of Philadelphia, 1742-1762.  
FRANKLIN (JAMES, son of James, the brother of Benjamin) of Newport, R. I., 1752.  
GAINE (HUGH) of New York City, 1753-1789.  
GREEN (BARTHOLOMEW) of Boston, 1699-1732.  
GREEN (FREDERICK) of Annapolis, Md., 1777-1799.  
GREEN (JONAS) of Annapolis, Md., 1754-1764.  
GREEN (SAMUEL) of Boston, Mass., 1675.  
GREEN (TIMOTHY, son of Samuel Green, Jr. of Boston, Mass.) of New London, Conn., 1733-1750.  
GREEN (TIMOTHY, grandson of the preceding) of New London, 1768-1786.  
GREEN (THOMAS AND SAMUEL, brothers) of New Haven, Conn., 1785.  
GREEN AND RUSSELL of Boston, 1763-1764.  
GREENLEAF (THOMAS) of New York City, 1789.  
HALL (A.) of Wilmington, N. C., 1798.  
HALL (D.) AND SELLERS (W.) of Philadelphia, Pa., 1769-1775.  
HALL (SAMUEL) of Newport, R. I., 1767.  
HARRIS (BENJAMIN) of Boston, Mass., 1692.  
HASROELL( (ANTHONY) of Bennington, Vt., 1791.  
HODGE (ABRAHAM) of Halifax, N. C., 1797.  
HODGE AND WILLIS of Newbern, Edenton, and Halifax, N. C., 1787-1795.  
HOLT (ELIZABETH) of New York City, 1784.  
HOLT (JOHN) of New York City, 1763-1782.  
HOUGH (GEORGE) AND SPOONER (ALDEN) of Windsor, Vt., 1787-1788.  
HUDSON AND GOODWIN of Hartford, Conn., 1796.  
HUNTER (WILLIAM) of Williamsburg, Va., 1752-1755.  
KNEELAND (SAMUEL) of Boston, Mass., 1732-1764.  
KNEELAND (SAMUEL) AND GREEN (TIMOTHY) of Boston, Mass., 1742-1754.  
LOUDON (SAMUEL) of Fish-Kill, N. Y., 1776-1777, and New York City, 1785-1786.  
LOUDON (SAMUEL AND JOHN) of New York City, 1786-1789.  
M'LEAN (J. AND A.) of New York City, 1788.  
MARTIN (FRANCOIS-XAVIER) of Newbern, N. C., 1794.  
MELCHER (JOHN) of Portsmouth, N. H., 1789-1799.  
MILLER (PETER) of Philadelphia, Pa., 1762.  
NICHOLSON (THOMAS) of Philadelphia, Pa., 1785-1788.  
OSBORNE (GEORGE, JR.) of Portsmouth, N. H., 1790.  
PARKER (JAMES) of New York City, 1744-1759.  
PARKS (WILLIAM) of Annapolis, Md., 1727-1733.  
RIND (WILLIAM) of Williamsburg, Va., 1772-1773.  
RIND, PRUDIE AND DIXON of Williamsburg, Va., 1769.  
SOUTHWICK (SOLOMON) of Newport, R. I., 1772.  
STYNER AND CIST of Philadelphia, Pa., 1777.  
THOMAS (ISAIAH) of Worcester, Mass., 1788.  
TIMOTHY (LEWIS) of Charleston, S. C., 1736.  
WEYMAN (WILLIAM) of New York City, 1759-1765.  
YOUNG AND MINNS of Boston, Mass., 1796-1805.  
ZENER (JOHN PETER) of New York City, 1727-1735.

## ABBREVIATIONS

*Key to the Letters which indicate the Libraries owning the several Acts, Laws, Journals, Ordinances and Constitutions used in the making of the descriptions in this catalogue*

A. A. S.	= AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, Worcester, Mass.
B. A.	= BOSTON ATHENAEUM, Boston, Mass.
B. A. N. Y.	= ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.
B. L.	= BROOKLYN LAW LIBRARY, Brooklyn, N. Y.
B. M.	= BRITISH MUSEUM, London, England.
B. P.	= BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, Boston, Mass.
C. H. S.	= CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Hartford, Conn.
C. S.	= CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, Hartford, Conn.
C. U.	= COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY, New York City.
D. S.	= DELAWARE STATE LIBRARY, Dover, Delaware.
H. B. A.	= HARTFORD BAR ASSOCIATION, Hartford, Conn.
H. C.	= HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY, Cambridge, Mass.
H. L.	= HUNTINGTON LIBRARY, San Gabriel, California.
H. L. S.	= HARVARD LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY, Cambridge, Mass.
H. S. P.	= HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, Pa.
J. C. B.	= JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY, Providence, R. I.
L. C.	= LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, Washington, D. C.
L. C. P.	= LIBRARY COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, Philadelphia, Pa.
M. H. S.	= MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Boston, Mass.
Md. H. S.	= MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Baltimore, Md.
Md. S.	= MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY, Annapolis, Md.
N. C. S.	= NORTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY, Raleigh, N. C.
N. H. H. S.	= NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Concord, N. H.
N. H. S.	= NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY, Concord, N. H.
N. J. S.	= NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY, Trenton, N. J.
N. Y. H.	= NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, New York City.
N. Y. L.	= NEW YORK LAW INSTITUTE.
N. Y. P.	= NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, New York City.
N. Y. S.	= NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY, Albany, N. Y.
N. Y. S. L.	= NEW YORK SOCIETY LIBRARY, New York City.
N. Y. S. S. O.	= NEW YORK STATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
P. L.	= PEQUOT LIBRARY, Southport, Conn.
P. R. O.	= PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, London, England.
P. S.	= PENNSYLVANIA STATE LIBRARY, Harrisburg, Pa.
R. I. H. S.	= RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Providence, R. I.
R. I. S.	= RHODE ISLAND STATE LIBRARY, Providence, R. I.
S. C. S.	= SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY, Columbia, S. C.
S. L. M.	= STATE LIBRARY OF MASSACHUSETTS, Boston, Mass.
T. C.	= TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY, Hartford, Conn.
U. N. C.	= UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Chapel Hill, N. C.
V. H. S.	= VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Richmond, Va.
V. S.	= VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, Richmond, Va.
V. S. L.	= VIRGINIA STATE LAW LIBRARY, Richmond, Va.
W. U.	= WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, Conn.
Y. U.	= YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, New Haven, Conn.

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First Session, Numbers 1 to 266, inclusive

MONDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 27th, AT 3:00 O'CLOCK

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## COLONIAL

1. COLONIAL. LAWS OF 1641. An | Abstract | or the | Lawes | of  
| New England, | As they are novv established. | [Woodcut.]  
| Small 4to (7 by 5), rebound in antique paneled calf, red edges, a  
few margins cut close, shaving a few of the outer letters on notes.  
London, | Printed for F. Coules, and W. Ley at Paules Chain, |  
1641

THE BARLOW COPY OF THIS IMPORTANT ITEM OF COLONIAL LAWS.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, with type and letter caption,  
pp. 15; Table, pp. [16-17], verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Church*, No. 450; *Sabin*, No. 52595.

COPIES LOCATED: B. M.; B. P.; M. H. S.; J. C. B.; H. L. S.; N. Y. H.;  
N. Y. P.; L. C.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; Ayer and Huth Libraries.

"The first printed collection of Laws of New England. The laws are very  
concise, and each is based upon some passage in the Bible, to which reference  
is made in the margin. These Laws were never 'established,' or in force, in  
New-England. The code was drawn up by Mr. [John] Cotton for Massachu-  
setts, and 'presented to the General Court,' but was not adopted."—SABIN.

2. COLONIAL. LAWS OF 1704. An | Abridgement | of the | Laws  
| In Force and Use in | Her Majesty's Plantations; | (*Vis.*) Of  
| Virginia, New-England, | Jamaica, New-York, | Barbadoes, |  
Carolina, &c. | Maryland. | Digested under proper Heads in  
the Me- | thod of Mr. Wingate, and Mr. Washington's | Abridge-  
ments. | 8vo (7½ by 4⅝), old paneled calf, binding slightly worn.  
London, Printed for John Nicholson . . . ||| . . . 1704

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 2pp.; Laws of Virginia,  
pp. 1-82; Tables [2], pp. 83-91, verso of last blank; Laws of Jamaica, pp. 94-  
173, verso of last blank; Tables [2], pp. 175-177, verso of last blank, 179-180;  
Laws of Barbadoes, pp. 181-278; Tables [2], pp. 279-284; Laws of Maryland,  
pp. 1-80, 65-69, 57, 71 (complete, but wrongly paged, verso of last blank);  
Laws of New-England, pp. 1-85, 87, 88, 88, 89, 90, 91, 96, 93, 94, 95, 92, 101,  
98, 104, 97, 103, 102, 100 (complete, but wrongly paged); Appendix, pp. 285-304.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 1; *Sabin*, No. 81.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.;  
B. A. N. Y.

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## COLONIAL

3. COLONIAL. LAWS OF 1721. The | Laws | of the | British Plantations | in | America, | Relating to the | Church and the Clergy, | Religion and Learning. | Collected in One Volume. | By Nicholas Trott, LL.D. | Chief Justice of the Province of South Carolina. | [Crown above rose bud and branch.] | Folio (14 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 9), rebound in half red levant morocco, gilt back and edges, slight tears in margin of title repaired.

London: | Printed for B. Crouse . . . MDCCXXI. [1721]

[See Illustration]

### FINE AND PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication to [King] William, 2pp.; Preface, pp. ix, verso of last with type ornaments; Table 2pp.; Title to Laws of South and North Carolina, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication to Lord Carteret, one leaf, verso blank; Title to Laws of South Carolina, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 4pp.; Acts, pp. 77, verso of last with type ornaments; Title to Laws of North Carolina, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 83-104; Title to Laws of Virginia, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 5pp., verso of last with type ornaments; Acts, pp. 113-161, verso of last with type ornaments; Title to Laws of Maryland, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 5pp., verso of last with type ornaments; Acts, pp. 171-221, verso of last with type ornaments; Title to Laws of Pennsylvania, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 227-243, verso of last with type ornaments; Title to Laws of New Jersey, one leaf, verso blank; Table, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 249-257, verso of last with type ornaments; Title to Laws of New-York, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 263-280 [wrongly numbered 276]; Title to Laws of New-England, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 285 [wrongly numbered 283, page 286 is wrongly numbered 284]-298; Title to Laws of Rhode Island, one leaf, verso blank; Table, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 303-304; Title to Laws of Massachusetts, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 3pp., verso of last blank; Acts, pp. 311-337, verso of last type ornaments; Title to Laws of New-Hampshire, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 343-348; Title to Laws of Barbados, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 353-370 (p. 355 wrongly numbered 354); Title to Laws of Antego, one leaf, verso blank; Table, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 375-380; Title to Laws of Nevis, one leaf, verso blank; Table, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 385-390; Title to Laws of Leward Islands, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Laws, pp. 395-403, verso of last with type ornaments; Title to Laws of Jamaica, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 409-426; Title to Laws of Bermudas, one leaf, verso blank; Table, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 431-435, verso of last blank.

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COPIES LOCATED: THIS IS THE ONLY KNOWN COPY WITH THIS IMPRINT AND DATE. The New York Public Library copy, from which Miss Hasse took her information, has title-page dated 1725 and with imprint of another printer.

Laid in is a two-page manuscript document, signed in the autograph of Nicholas Trott, the editor of the above Laws, dated, *Carolina, 6 day of June 1702*, attorney for the plaintiff in the case of which *Stephen Bull Esq. and Capt. Francis Fielding, Executors of Samuel Saxon, Deceased are Planfs. and Edmund Medlicott, Merchant in Defendt. In a Plea of Accounts*, relative to a co-partnership in trade.



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## COLONIAL

4. COLONIAL. CAROLINA. BRIEFS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS IN THE CASE OF DANSON VERSUS TROTT, 1728. Mary Danson, Widow of John Danson Esq; Appellant. | Nicholas Trott and Ann his Wife, Elizabeth Moore Widow, Henry Bertie Esq; James Bertie Esq; and Hugh Watson Gent. Respondents. | As FOLLOWS
- [1] The Appellant's Case. By C. Talbot and J. Finch. Docketed on back, and with date inserted in ink, -Dasnon Vid' Appellant. | Trott & Ux' & Al' Respondts. | The Appellant's | Case. | To be heard at the Bar of the House | of Lords, on *Monday the 27 of May 1728.* | pp.4.
- [2] The Respondents. Case. By. Thos. Lutwyche and Cavendish Ford. Docketed on back, and with date partly inserted in ink,—Monday the 27th of May 1728. Endorsed on last page is a manuscript statement, 9 lines, of the action taken by the House in the discharge of Mary Danson and the return of her bond. pp.4.
- [3] The Case of the Respondents Henry Bertie and Hugh Watson. By P. Yorke and N. Fazakerley. Docketed on back, and with printed date of *Monday the 24th of March, 1728*, changed in ink to, *Wednesday the 26th of March 1729.* pp.3.
- [4] The Case of the Respondent James Bertie. By Davies Davenport. Docket on back, and with printed date, *Monday March 24, 1728*, changed in ink to *Wednesday 26 March 1729.* pp.3. At the foot of page 3 and the top of page 4, are 24 lines in manuscript, dated, *27 March 1729*, being a statement of the action taken by the House of Lords.
- [5] One copy each, without the manuscript notes and dates, of the above Appellant's and Respondent's Case. 4pp. each. Together, 6 pieces, folio, sheets. In cloth folder, lettered.

[London, 1728-1729]

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT COLLECTION. THESE ARE THE ORIGINAL PRINTED BRIEFS CONSTITUTING THE ENTIRE CASE ON APPEAL IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The mismanagement by the Lords Proprietors of their Grant for the Carolinas and the conflicting grants of other Proprietors for lands in the same region led to much misunderstanding and litigation. The above case is one of the most noteworthy. See Note to following item.

5. COLONIAL. CAROLINA. GREAT BRITAIN. SESSION LAWS, 1729. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ, | Secundo. | At the Parliament Begun and Holden at Westminster, | the twenty third Day of January, Anno Dom. 1727. ||||| And from thence continued by several Prorogations to the Twenty | first Day of January, 1728. | being the Second Session of this | present Parliament. [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (II by 7¼), full polished mottled calf, gilt, BY MORRELL. London, | Printed by the Assigns of His Majesty's Printer, and | of Henry Hills deceas'd. 1729

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### COLONIAL

#### 5. COLONIAL. CAROLINA: *Continued.*

Agreement with | Seven of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina, | for the Surrender of their Title and Interest | in the Province to His Majesty. |”

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 543-562.

In 1663, Charles II, in the second year after his restoration, granted the region south of Virginia and extending from 31° to 36° north latitude, and westward within these parallels across the continent, to some of his adherents to whom he was indebted for distinguished service. This region was called *Carolina* in the grant, and the favored noblemen were, Edward, Earl of Clarendon, George, Duke of Albermarle, William Lord Craven, John Lord Berkeley, Anthony Lord Ashley, Sir George Carteret, Sir William Berkeley, and Sir John Colleton. An adverse claim was soon made to the same territory under a grant obtained in 1629, by Sir Robert Heath, but failing to form a colony, the claims of those to whom he had conveyed rights were set aside. Settlements were made in Carolina prior to this grant by settlers from Virginia and Massachusetts. In 1729 all of the Proprietors, except Lord Granville, surrendered their title in the soil to the Crown; and in 1744, his eighth part was set off to him. Lord Granville retained his title down to the Revolution, his after claims in the Circuit Court of the United States were not closed until the War of 1812.

#### 6. COLONIAL. CHARTERS, 1741. A | List | of | Copies of Charters, | from the | Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, | Presented to the Honourable the | House of Commons, | In | Pursuance of their Address to His Majesty, of the | 25th of April 1740. | Viz. | Maryland Charter, granted :: by King Charles I. in the 8th :: Year of His Reign. :: Connecticut Charter; :: granted by King Charles II. in :: the 14th Year of His Reign. :: Rhode-Island Charter, :: granted by King Charles II. in :: the 15th Year of His Reign. :: Pennsylvania Charter, | granted by King Charles II. in | the 33d Year of His Reign. | Massachusetts Bay Charter, granted by King William and | Queen Mary, in the 3d Year of | Their Reign. | Georgia Charter, granted by | His present Majesty, in the | 5th Year of His Reign. | Small folio (3 $\frac{1}{8}$ by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), half morocco, binding slightly rubbed.

London: | Printed in the Year M.DCC.XLI. [1741]

[See Illustration]

FINE LARGE COPY, WITH WIDE MARGINS, SOME UNCUT, OF THIS EXCESSIVELY RARE ITEM.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Maryland Charter, 12pp; Connecticut Charter, pp. 10; Rhode-Island Charter, pp. 14; Pennsylvania Charter, pp. 12; Massachusetts Bay Charter, pp. 21, verso of last blank; Georgia Charter, pp. 18. The pagination of each section is separate both as to signature and page-number.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 41429; *Tower*, No. 8 (imperfect copy); Not in the Church Collection.

COPIES LOCATED: The copy in the Harvard College Library, like the present, is perfect; that in the Pennsylvania Historical Society Library lacks the Georgia Charter; N. Y. P.; J. C. B. (2 copies). These as far as known are the only other copies extant.

Inserted in the present copy is a map of Georgia (15 by 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches) engraved by R. W. Seale.

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## CONNECTICUT

7. CONNECTICUT. FITCH (THOMAS—Colonial Governor of Connecticut). Letter Signed, one page 4to, New Haven, October 29, 1755. To Governor Hopkins.

An Interesting French and Indian War letter, written the year of Braddock's defeat, and referring to the same. Reads in part,—

*" . . . I doubt not the other Governments as well as this, feel the heavy Burthen of the past Operation and are apprehensive of the Necessity of further Progress for our Defence and Security."*

8. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION 1733. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Hartford, on the Tenth | Day of May . . . | . . . 1733. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed.

[Colophon.] N. London: | Printed and Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. and | Company. 1733

COLLATION: pp. 405-416.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 87; *Tower*, No. 49; *Evans*, No. 3647.

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9. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at New-Haven, on | the Eleventh Day of October . . . | . . . 1733. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] N. London, Printed & Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Comp. 1733

COLLATION: pp. 417-420.

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10. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Hartford on | the Ninth Day of May . . . | . . . 1734. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.

[Colophon.] N. London, Printed and Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Company. 1734

COLLATION: pp. 421-426.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 89; *Tower*, No. 51; *Evans*, No. 3760.

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25th of *April* 1740.

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MARYLAND Charter, granted  
by King *Charles I.* in the 8th  
Year of His Reign.

CONNECTICUT Charter,  
granted by King *Charles II.* in  
the 14th Year of His Reign.

RHODE-ISLAND Charter,  
granted by King *Charles II.* in  
the 15th Year of His Reign.

PENNSYLVANIA Charter,  
granted by King *Charles II.* in  
the 33d Year of His Reign.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY Char-  
ter, granted by King *William* and  
Queen *Mary*, in the 3d Year of  
Their Reign.

GEORGIA Charter, granted by  
His present MAJESTY, in the  
5th Year of His Reign.

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11. CONNECTICUT, OCTOBER SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at New-Haven, | on Thursday the Tenth Day of October . . . | | . . . 1734. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.  
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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 90; *Tower*, No. 52; *Evans*, No. 3761.

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12. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at New-Haven, | on the Ninth Day of October . . . | | . . . 1735. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] N. London, Printed & Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Company, 1735

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 92; *Tower*, No. 54; *Evans*, No. 3892.

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13. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Hartford, on | the Thirteenth Day of May . . . | | . . . 1736. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets,  
[Colophon.] N. London, Printed and Sold by T. Green, Printer to the Gov. & Company, 1736

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GOVERNOUR and COMPANY of the abovesaid Colony.

1750.

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14. CONNECTICUT. ACTS AND LAWS, 1750. The | Charter | Granted  
by | His Majesty | King Charles II. | to the | Governour, &  
Company | of the | English Colony | of | Connecticut | in | New-  
England | in | America. |

ACTS | AND | LAWS | Of His Majesty's English Colony | of | Con-  
necticut | in | New-England | in America. | [Royal Arms.]

New-London, | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green, Printer to  
the | Governour and Company of above said Colony. 1750

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COPIES LOCATED: B. A. N. Y.; C. S.; C. H. S.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; Y. U.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; A. A. S.; P. L.; H. B. A.; C. U.; M. H. S. (both issues).

The second issue, with the continued sessions. The Index of Titles carries the same to page 258, not to page 268 as cited in Tower. The four session Laws at end have each a printer's colophon.

15. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1768. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . begun and  
held at New-Haven, on the Second Thursday of October . . . ||  
. . . 1768. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . 1768

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16. CONNECTICUT. ACT AND LAWS, 1769. [Acts and Laws of his Majesty's Colony of Connecticut. With Charter.] Small folio (11¾ by 7), original sheep, worn, title missing, and pages soiled. [Reprinted and Sold by Thomas and Samuel Green, in New-Haven, and Timothy Green, in New-London, 1769]

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17. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1769. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at New-Haven, in said Colony, (by Adjournment) on the Fifth | Day of January . . . | . . . 1769. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . 1769

COLLATION: pp. 339-342.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 182; *Tower*, No. 71; *Evans*, No. 11216.

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18. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1769. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Held at Hartford . . . on the | Second Thursday of May . . . | . . . 1769. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCCLXIX. [1769]

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19. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1769. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Held at New-Haven . . . on the Second Thurs- | day of October . . . | . . . 1769. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . 1769

COLLATION: pp. 347-348.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 186; *Tower*, No. 73; *Evans*, No. 11218.

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20. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1770. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at Hartford . . . on the Second Thurs- | day of May . . . | . . . 1770. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . 1770

COLLATION: pp. 349-350.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 187; *Tower*, No. 74; *Evans*, No. 11604.

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21. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1770. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and Passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at New-Haven . . . | . . . on the Second Thursday of October . . . | . . . 1770. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | | M,DCC,LXX. [1770]

COLLATION: pp. 351-358.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 188; *Tower*, No. 75; *Evans*, No. 11605.

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22. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1771. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | | holden at Hartford, in the said Colony, on the Second Thursday | of May . . . | . . . 1771. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | | M,DCC,LXXI. [1771]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 189; *Tower*, No. 76; *Evans*, No. 12015.

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23. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1771. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court . . . | | . . . holden at New-Haven, in said | Colony, on the Second Thursday of October . . . | . . . 1771. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | | M,DCC,LXXI. [1771]

COLLATION: pp. 363-367, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 190; *Tower*, No. 77; *Evans*, No. 12016.

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24. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1772. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | | . . . holden at Hart- | ford, in said Colony, on the Second Thursday of | May . . . | . . . 1772. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXII. [1772]

COLLATION: pp. 369-371, verso of last blank.

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25. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1772. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at New-Haven, in said Co- | lony, on the Second Thursday of October . . . | . . . 1772. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXII. [1772]

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26. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1773. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at Hartford . . . on the | Second Thursday of May . . . | . . . 1773. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sewed.

[Colophon.] Printed and sold by Timothy Green, Printer to the | Governor and Company. [New London] 1773

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 194; *Tower*, No. 80; *Evans*, No. 12731.

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27. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1773. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at New-Haven . . . | on the second Thursday of October . . . | . . . 1773. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sewed.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIII. [1773]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 195; *Tower*, No. 81; *Evans*, No. 12732.

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Contains the Act regulating New-Gate Prison in Sudbury.

28. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1774. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court. . . | . . . Holden at Hartford. . . by Adjourn- | ment, on the second Wednesday of January, in | . . . 1774. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 196; *Tower*, No. 82; *Evans*, No. 13207.

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29. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1774. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court. . . | . . . holden at | Hartford. . . on the second Thurs- | day of May . . . | . . . 1774. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 198; *Tower*, No. 83; *Evans*, No. 13208.

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30. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1774. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden | at New-Haven . . . on the Second | Thursday of October . . . | . . . 1774. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sewed.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

COLLATION: pp. 401-406.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 199; *Evans*, No. 13209. Not in *Tower*.

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Contains the act prohibiting the importation of slaves.

31. CONNECTICUT. MARCH SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | An Act and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | . . . Holden | at New-Haven . . . by Adjournment | . . . on Thursday | the second Day of March . . . | . . . 1775. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXV. [1775]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 201; *Evans*, No. 13871. Not in *Tower*.

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The first page contains the act Regulating Naval Officers, the second page is blank; the third and fourth pages contain the act exempting debtors from imprisonment, passed April 26, 1775. The last act has its separate heading. Both these sessions are printed on one sheet, with separate signatures.

32. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . | | Holden at Hartford . . . on the | second Thursday of May . . . | . . . 1775. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXV. [1775]

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33. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Holden at New- | Haven . . . on the second Thursday | of October . . . | | 1775. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and Sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXV. [1775]

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34. CONNECTICUT. DECEMBER SESSION, 1775. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . Holden at New- | Haven . . . | . . . on the fourteenth Day of December, | | . . . 1775. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheet. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 206; *Evans*, No. 14688. Not in Tower.

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35. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | | . . . holden at Hartford . . . | . . . on the second Thursday of | May . . . 1776. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slightly stained. [Colophon.] New-London: | Printed and sold by Timothy Green . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

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This is the first Connecticut session laws printed without the royal arms.

36. CONNECTICUT. JUNE SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | | . . . holden at Hartford . . . | | . . . on the fourteenth Day | of June . . . 1776. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slightly stained. [New London: Printed by Timothy Green, 1776]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 212; *Evans*, No. 14690.

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37. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden at  
New-Haven, | . . . on the second Thurs- | day of October . . .  
1776. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

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M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act approving the Declaration of Independence.

38. CONNECTICUT. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden at  
Hartford, | on the 19th Day of November, A. | Dom. 1776. |  
Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

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M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

39. CONNECTICUT. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1776. An Act or Law, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden at  
Hartford, | on the 19th Day of November, A. | Dom. 1776. |  
Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheet.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

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Contains the Embargo Act. The first Proclamation was issued on Nov. 12,  
1776; a second one, continuing the same appeared Nov. 23, 1776.

40. CONNECTICUT. DECEMBER SESSION, 1776. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden  
at Middle- | town, by Adjournment, on the 18th | Day of Decem-  
ber . . . | 1776. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVII. [1776]

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Contains the Militia Act for encouraging the defence of the state.



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41. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1777. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden at Hartford, in said | State, on the second Thursday of | May . . . 1777. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
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Contains the acts relative to Freeman's Oath, Traiterous Conspiracies, and Rules for Militia regulations.

42. CONNECTICUT. AUGUST SESSION, 1777. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden at Hartford . . . | . . . on the thirteenth Day | of August, A.D. 1777. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheet.  
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43. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1777. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden (by Adjournment) at Hartford, in | said State, on the eleventh Day of | October . . . 1777. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slight stains.

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44. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden | (by Adjournment) at Hartford . . . | . . . on the eighth Day of | January . . . 1778. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slight stain.

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45. CONNECTICUT. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | | . . . holden | at  
Hartford, (by Adjournment) on | the twelfth Day of February,  
Anno | Domini, 1778. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slight  
stain.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVIII. [1778]

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N. Y. P.

46. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, | Made  
and passed by the General | Court . . . | | . . . holden | at Hart-  
ford . . . on the second | Thursday of May, Anno | Domini, 1778.  
| Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slightly stained.

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. . . M,DCC,LXXVIII. [1778]

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Contains the act for confiscating the estates of persons inimical to the  
Independence and Liberties of the United States.

47. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1778. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | | . . . holden | at  
Hartford (by Adjournment) on | the twenty-first Day of October,  
| . . . 1778. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.

[Colophon.] New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green . . . |  
. . . M,DCC,LXXVIII. [1778]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 229; *Evans*, No. 15763. Not in Tower.

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Contains an act for the Supplies of the Continental Army.

48. CONNECTICUT. JANUARY SESSION, 1779. Acts and Laws, |  
Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | | . . . holden | at  
Hartford . . . by Ad- | journment, on the seventh Day of |  
January . . . 1779. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets, slight  
stains, lower margins repaired.

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. . . | . . . M,DCC,LXXIX. [1779]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 231; *Evans*, No. 16231. Not in Tower.

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Contains the acts for punishing Sharpers and for Supplying the Army.



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49. CONNECTICUT. APRIL SESSION, 1779. Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General | Court . . . | . . . holden at | Hartford . . . | . . . on the seventh Day of | April . . . 1779. | Small folio (12 by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, uncut, slight stains.  
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50. CONNECTICUT. ACT AND LAWS, 1784. Acts | and | Laws | of the | State | of | Connecticut, | in | America. | [State Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), rebound in full sheep.  
New-London: | Printed by Timothy Green, | Printer to the Governor and State of Connecticut. | M,DCC,LXXIXIV. [1784]

[See Illustration]

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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 250; *Tower*, No. 84; *Sabin*, No. 15635; *Evans*, No. 18410.

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51. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1784. [Seal of Connecticut.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at | Hartford . . . on the second | Thursday of May . . . 1784. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.  
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REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 251; *Evans*, No. 18411; *Tower*, No. 85.

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52. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1784. [Seal of Connecticut.] | Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court . . . | . . . holden at New-Haven . . . | . . . on the second Thursday of Oc- | tober . . . 1784. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7), sewed.  
[New-London: Printed by Timothy Green, 1784]

COLLATION: pp. 309-315, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 255; *Evans*, No. 18414; *Tower*, No. 86, where a colophon is given.

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53. CONNECTICUT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1785. [Seal of Connecticut.]  
| Acts and Laws, | Made and passed in and by the General | Court  
. . . | . . . holden at New- | Haven . . . on the second Thurs- |  
day of October . . . 1785. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] New-Haven: | Printed by Thomas and Samuel  
Green. [1785]

COLLATION: pp. 329-336.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 259; *Evans*, No. 18967; *Tower*, No. 88.

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S. L. M.; H. S. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.

54. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1786. [Seal of Connecticut.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Made and Passed by the General Court . . . |  
. . . holden at Hartford, | . . . on the second Thursday of May,  
|. . . 1786. Small folio (12 by 7), sewed.  
[New-London: Printed by T. Green, 1786]

COLLATION: pp. 337-346.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 262; *Tower*, No. 89; *Evans*, No. 19569.

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S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.

55. CONNECTICUT. MAY SESSION, 1789. [Seal of Connecticut.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Made and passed by the General Court | | . . .  
holden at Hartford . . . | on the second Thursday of May . . . |  
. . . 1789. | Small folio (12½ by 8⅛), sheets, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Hartford: Printed by Elisha Babcock. [1789]

COLLATION: pp. 379-382.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 292; *Evans*, No. 21755; *Tower*, No. 96.

COPIES LOCATED: C. H. S.; C. S.; Y. U.; P. L.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; H. S. P.;  
S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

56. CONNECTICUT. ACTS AND LAWS, 1796. Acts | and | Laws | of  
the | State | of | Connecticut, | in | America. | [State seal.] | 8vo  
(8⅞ by 55½), original sheep.  
Hartford: | Printed by Hudson and Goodwin. | M,DCC,XCVI.  
[1796]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Index (with some manuscript  
additions), pp. (14); Charter, pp. 20; Acts, pp. 21-438.

REFERENCES: *Bates*, No. 345.

COPIES LOCATED: C. H. S.; C. S.; Y. U.; P. L.; C. U.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.;  
N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.

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## DELAWARE

57. DELAWARE. LAWS, 1752. Laws | of the | Government | of | New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, | Upon Delaware. | Published by Order of the Assembly. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original sheep, cracked at hinges, small blank portion of title torn off.  
Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by B. Franklin and D. Hall, | at the New Printing-Office, in Market-Street. | MDCCLII. [1752]

[See Illustration]

Good Sound Copy Interiorly. Has signature of Samuel Dickinson, and some manuscript marginal annotations.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Deeds and Charter, pp. 3-14; Acts, pp. 15-363, verso of last blank; Table, pp. xvii, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 110; *Sabin*, No. 19391; *Hildeburn*, No. 1252; *Evans*, No. 6835.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; J. C. B.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

58. DELAWARE. LAWS, 1797. Laws | of the | State | of | Delaware. | From the Fourteenth Day of October, One Thousand Seven | Hundred, to the Eighteenth Day of August, One | Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Seven. | In Two Volumes. | | Published by Authority. | 2 vols. 8vo (9 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original sheep.  
New-Castle: | Printed by Samuel and John Adams. | M,DCC,XCVII. [1797]

COLLATION: Vol. I. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Certification, one leaf, verso blank; Constitutions and Schedule, pp. [v]-l; Laws, pp. [51]-590; Appendix, pp. 1-101, verso of last blank; one blank leaf; Addenda et Errata, pp. 3, verso of last blank; Vol. II. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Certification, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [595]-1376; Addenda, pp. 2; Tables, pp. 1-18; Index, pp. [19]-128.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 19392.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.



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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

59. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, 1774.  
Extracts | From the | Votes and Proceedings | Of the American  
Continental | Congress, | Held at Philadelphia on the | 5th of  
September 1774. | Containing | The Bill of Rights, a List of  
Griev- | ances, Occasional Resolves, the | Association, an Ad-  
dress to the People | of Great Britain, | and a Memorial | to  
the Inhabitants of the British | American Colonies. | Published  
by order of Congress. | 8vo ( $7\frac{3}{4}$  by  $4\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.  
Philadelphia: | Printed by William and Thomas Bradford, |  
October 27th, M,DCC,LXXIV. [1774]

THE VERY RARE FIRST EDITION OF THIS FAMOUS PAMPHLET.

COLLATION: Half-title, one leaf, verso blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank;  
Resolve, pp. [1]-12; The Association, pp. [13]-23, verso of last blank; To the  
People of Great Britain, from the Delegates, pp. [1]-15; To the Inhabitants  
of the Colonies, pp. [16]-36.

REFERENCES: *Ford*, No. 19; *Sabin*, No. 15528, where the collation is given  
as only 36 pages; *Evans*, No. 13714.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L.; N. Y. S.; L. C.

According to *Ford*, "The Association" has separate pagination of 11 pages,  
in the above copy this section is paged continuously from the "Resolves," and  
has 11 pages, with the last blank.

This Collection of the first papers drawn up by the Continental Congress  
was declared by the English statesman Chatham to be "unsurpassed by any  
State Paper ever composed in any age or country."

60. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, 1774.  
Journal | of the | Proceedings | of the | Congress, | Held at Phila-  
delphia, | September 5, 1774. | [Printer's mark.] | 8vo ( $8\frac{1}{8}$  by  
 $5\frac{1}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut, some pages soiled, slight tear in half-title,  
lacks pp. 123-144.  
Philadelphia: | Printed by William and Thomas Bradford, at  
the London Coffee-House. DCC,LXXIV. (*sic*) [1774]

COLLATION: Half-title, one leaf, verso blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank;  
List of Deputies, pp. 3, verso of last blank; Journal, pp. [5]-122.

REFERENCES: *Ford*, No. 43, where the collation is given as pp. (4), 144,  
with the statement that "some copies appear to have been issued before pp.  
133-144 were printed."

COPIES LOCATED: One of two known copies, the other being in the Library  
of Congress.

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### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

61. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Manuscript Orderly Book of Brigadier-General (later Major-General) William Heath, at Head Quarters, New York, March 31st to August 13th, 1776; and Warrants by Major-General Heath drawn on Deputy Pay-Master General Ebenezer Huntington, Peekskill, December 25th, 1776 to January 11th, 1777, and on Deputy Pay-Master General Ebenezer Hancock, Boston, March 22nd, 1777 to June 10th, 1779. 183 pages small 4to, old sheepskin. In cloth folder and blue morocco back slip-case.

HIGHLY INTERESTING UNPUBLISHED HISTORICAL MATERIAL, THE WARRANTS BEING ESPECIALLY SO, GIVING AS THEY DO, ORIGINAL DATA AS TO MONEYS PAID OUT BY THE CONTINENTAL ARMY DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

The larger part of the Orderly Book is in the AUTOGRAPH OF GENERAL HEATH, WITH HIS AUTOGRAPH SIGNATURE IN SEVERAL PLACES. The Warrants are mainly in the handwriting of General Heath's Secretary, Mr. Seth Loring, several with autograph signature of,—*"Eb. Huntington, D P M Genl."*

On the first page are the following notes in General Heath's autograph,—*"Orders signed by Brigadier General Heath, in the City of New York during his Command in that City."*

*"1777, May 5th. Mr. Loring engaged as my Secretary."*

*"1778, May 22. This day 350,000 Dollars arrived."*

The first entry begins,—*"Head Quarters New York March 31st 1776. The Command of the Army at New York (for the present) being Devolved upon Brigadier General Heath, He finds himself happy in having for his Colleagues General Thompson & Lord Sterling—As the ministerial Troops have Evacuated Boston Taken Shipping and the place of their Destination uncertain, and as there is some probability that New York may be their object, the General strongly Recommends to the officers of all Ranks to Exert themselves in preparing for the most vigorous Defense should the enemy attempt a Landing in this place. . . ."*

Under date of April 3rd, 1776, is a most interesting entry, ordering the seizure of "Mr. Justice Hulett" (Richard Hewlett, the famous Loyalist), his son, Lieut. Thomas Hewlett, and other active Loyalists, at Rockaway, Long Island. There is no record here as to the outcome of this attempt, but it is well known that the Hewletts were not arrested by the American troops at this or any later time.

August 13th, 1776, General Heath records his promotion to the rank of Major-General, and his transference from New York to the command of a Division at Kingsbridge.

Among the Warrants are found the names of many persons famous then or later, in the Continental Army, including,—Ebenezer Huntington, then Deputy Pay-Master General under General Heath, who later served as Lieutenant-Colonel at Yorktown, and was made a Brigadier-General by Washington when war with France threatened in 1799; Colonel Prescott, General James Clinton, Doctor John Warren, Colonel Keith, Major General Arthur St. Clair, and many other valiant officers.

The Brigade Orders are contained in the first 38 pages of the volume, the balance of the book consisting of the Warrants.



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62. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONTINENTAL CONGRESS. Journals | of | Congress, | From | Monday, February 1st, | to | Monday, March 1st, 1779. pp. 50; . . . From | Monday, March 1st, | to | Tuesday, March 30th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 56; . . . From | Wednesday, March thirty-first | to | Saturday, April tenth, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 24; . . . From | Monday, April 12th, | to | Saturday, April 17th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 19; . . . From | Monday, April 19th, | to | Saturday, April 24th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 24; . . . From | Saturday, April 24th, | to | Monday, May 3d, 1779. pp. 16; . . . From | Saturday, May 1st, | to | Monday, May 10th, 1779. pp. 15; . . . From | Monday, May 10th, | to | Saturday, May 15th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 14; . . . From | Monday, May 17th, | to | Saturday, May 22d, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 24; . . . From | Monday, May 24th, | to | Saturday, May 29th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 20; . . . From | Monday, May 31st, | to | Saturday, June 5th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 15; . . . From | Monday, June 7th, | to | Saturday, June 12th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 19; . . . From | Monday, June 14th, | to | Saturday, June 19th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 10; . . . From | Monday, June 21st, | to | Saturday, June 26th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 13; . . . From | Monday, June 28th, | to | Saturday, July, 3rd, 1779, | inclusive pp. 15. . . . From | Monday, July 5th, | to | Saturday, July 12th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 9; . . . From | Monday, July 12th, | to | Saturday, July 17th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 10; . . . From | Monday, August 30th, | to | Saturday, September 4th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 12; . . . From | Monday, September 20th, | to | Saturday, September 25th, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 9; . . . From | Sunday, September 26th, | to | Saturday, October 2d, 1779, | inclusive. pp. 11. Together, 20 pieces, 8vo, sewed, the last three with uncut edges. In one cloth folder, and cloth slip-case.

Philadelphia: Printed by David C. Claypoole, | | | [1779]

AN UNUSUALLY LONG SERIES OF THE ORIGINAL WEEKLY (THE FIRST TWO MONTHLY) ISSUES OF THE JOURNALS OF CONGRESS, comprising from the second to the 18th issues, inclusive, and three later issues.

REFERENCES: *Ford*, Nos. 283 to 299, inclusive, and 306, 309 and 310; *Evans*, Nos. 16586 to 16602, inclusive, and 16609, 16612 and 16613.

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THE *1787*  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

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WE the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America. Preamble.

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1. ALL legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. Supreme powers where vested.

Sec. 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature. House of Representatives how chosen.

No person shall be a representative who shall not have attained to the age of twenty-five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state in which he shall be chosen. Their qualifications.

Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of three years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each state shall have at least one representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the state of New-Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations Rule of apportioning Representatives & direct taxes  
Number of Representatives

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63. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AMERICAN REVOLUTION. Schedule of Requisitions on the several States by the United States in Congress assembled; | Of 10th Sept. 1782—30th Oct. 1781, and 27th and 28th April, 1784—Of the 27th Sept. 1785,—and of 2d August, 1786—Shewing the Quotas assigned to each, the Amount | paid thereon, and the Ballances due *on the 1st January 1787*. | [SCHEDULE.] | Treasury of the United States, | Register's Office, *1st January 1787* | [Signed in the autograph of] *Joseph Nourse, Register*. Oblong 4to (8½ by 22¼), broadside.  
[New York? circa 1785–1787]

The Original Printed Schedule of the Expenses of the Revolutionary War, with the Balances due from each state set down in the manuscript.

VERY RARE AND IMPORTANT HISTORICAL ITEM.

64. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. The | Constitution | of the | United States. | [With the Ratification by the State of Connecticut.] Small folio (11½ by 7), half crimson crushed levant morocco.

[Hartford, 1788]

[See Illustration]

COLLATION: pp.8.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21523.

COPIES LOCATED: C. H. S.

THE RARE FIRST OFFICIAL PRINTING IN CONNECTICUT, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. The entire eight pages, with the exception of a short paragraph at the foot of the last page, are taken up with the text of the Constitution. The paragraph referred to contains the Resolution,—“In the Name of the People of the State of Connecticut. | We the Delegates of the People of said State, in General Convention assembled, pur- | suant to an Act of the Legislature in October last, have assented to and ratified . . . | . . . the Constitution, reported by the Convention | | Done in Convention, this 9th day of January, A.D. 1788 . . .”

65. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. WILLIAMSON (HUGH—statesman, author of “The History of North Carolina.”) Autograph Letters, Signed, 2 pages 4to, New York, July 27, 1788. To Governor Samuel Johnston of South Carolina. Beneath the signature of Williamson is that of John Swann, one of the associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a son-in-law of Governor Johnston.

An interesting letter relative to the adoption of the Federal Constitution by the state of New York, reads in part,—

“ . . . we learn that on Friday 25th a Motion was made for adopting the new Constitution as recommended by the general Convention on Sept. last, this motion was carried by a majority of Five. . . . The Inhabitants of this city since the arrival of the above Intelligence have hardly been moderate in their Expressions of Joy. The State of New York had so many Arguments of private Interest that seemed to tempt her to adhere to the old form of Government that we confess the Act mentioned was rather unexpected. . . .”

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65. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION: *Continued.*

John Swann, one of the signers of the above, was the son of Samuel Swann of Pasquotank County. He graduated from William and Mary College, Va., and was at an early age elected a Member of Congress (1787). He married a daughter of Governor Samuel Johnston, by whom he had one child, which died in infancy, after the death of the father, and which gave rise to the celebrated case of *Shepard vs. Shepard*, 3 Murphy's Report, which continued in the courts some twenty years.

66. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. The | Federalist: | a Collection | of | Essays, | Written in Favour of the | New Constitution, | as Agreed Upon By the Federal Convention, | September 17, 1787. | In Two Volumes. | Vol. I. (6 by 3¾), half morocco. Vol. II. (6¾ by 3⅞), original calf, with leather label. Together, 2 vols. New-York: | Printed and Sold by J. and A. M'Lean, || M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

THICK PAPER COPY OF THE VERY RARE ORIGINAL EDITION. BOTH VOLUMES ARE COMPLETE. VERY RARE.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 23979; *Evans*, No. 21127.

TWO VOLUMES OF HIGH ASSOCIATION INTEREST. The first volume belonged to Chancellor Samuel Jones of New York, and has his autograph (partly obliterated) on title. The second volume with AUTOGRAPH INSCRIPTION IN THE HANDWRITING OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON,—*Presented by the Author to his Friend Baron Steuben.*

The majority of these Essays were written by Alexander Hamilton, some by James Madison, and others by John Jay. The Madison papers were much changed in subsequent editions of the work.

67. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1788. The Federalist. The same as preceding. Vol. II only. 12mo (7½ by 4½), original boards, uncut. New-York . . . M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

UNDOUBTEDLY THE FINEST COPY OF THIS VOLUME OF THE FEDERALIST EXTANT. ENTIRELY UNCUT AND UNOPENED.

68. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1790. The | Constitution | and | Laws | of the | United States. | [Arms.] | 8vo (9¼ by 5¾), sewed, uncut, slight stain on few margins. America: | Portsmouth, (New-Hampshire) | Printed by George Jerry Osborne, Junior, | and to be sold at his office, | Guttemberg's Head, Congress-Street. | M.DCC.XC. [1790]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22851.

COPIES LOCATED: A. A. S.; C. H. S.; M. H. S.

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69. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, 1799. By the House of Delegates, | January 1, 1799. | Whereas it is highly expedient that every con- | stitutional barrier should be opposed to the introduction of foreign in- | fluence into our national councils . . . Folio (13 by 8), sheets, uncut.

[Annapolis, 1799]

Contains the Resolve of the Maryland House of Delegates relative to a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, requiring all senators and representatives to be natural born citizens, and that none but a natural born citizen shall become Vice-President of the United States.

Printed in script on the first page of a four-page folder.

70. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. PENNSYLVANIA RESOLVE, 1815. Whereas the Legislature of Connecticut and Massachusetts have proposed the follow- | ing amendments to the Constitution of the United States: | [Text, containing seven Resolves relative to taxes and the Embargo laws.] Jacob Holgate, Speaker of the House of Representatives. | John Todd, Speaker of the Senate. | . . . 4to (9¾ by 7½), broadside.

[Philadelphia, 1815]

CERTIFIED COPY of these Resolutions, signed in the autograph of James Trimble, Deputy Secretary of Pennsylvania.

These Resolves were passed by the Senate of Pennsylvania on March 10, 1815, and by the House of Representatives on March 11, 1865. They were certified to on March 15, 1815. They declare it to be inexpedient for Pennsylvania to concur in amendments to the Federal Constitution proposed by Connecticut and Massachusetts.

71. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. JUDICIAL COURTS, 1789. A Bill to establish the Judicial Courts of the | United States. | Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the | United States of America in Congress assembled . . . Folio (13¼ by 8), sewed, slight tear in last leaf.

[Colophon.] New-York, Printed by Thomas Greenleaf, 1789

VERY RARE. Not listed by Evans.

COLLATION: pp. 12.

This Bill was passed September 24, 1789.

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72. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ACTS OF CONGRESS, 1789-1791.

Acts | Passed at a | Congress | of the | United States | of | Amer-  
ica, | Begun and Held at the City of New-York, | on Wednesday  
the Fourth of March, | in the Year M,DCC,LXXXIX: | and  
of the | Independence of the United States, | The Thirteenth. |  
Published by Authority. | Philadelphia: | Printed by Francis  
Childs and John Swaine, | Printers to the United States [1791?]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Resolve relative to the printing of  
the Constitution, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution, pp. [v]-xiv; Acts, pp.  
[15]-93; Table, p. [94]; Errata, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23842.

ALSO

Acts | Passed at the | Second Session | of the | Congress | of the |  
United States | of | America . . . City of New York | . . . the  
Fourth of January, | in the year M,DCC,XC: |

New-York: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, |  
Printers to the Congress of the United States. | [1790]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. [3]-120; Treaties and  
Conventions ratified with the several countries of Europe and with the Indian  
Tribes, pp. [121]-226; Table, pp. [ccxxvii]-ccxxviii.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, 22952.

ALSO

Acts | Passed at the | Third Session | of the | Congress | of the |  
United States | of | America . . . Philadelphia | . . . Sixth of  
December, | in the year M,DCC,XC: | . . .

Philadelphia: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, |  
Printers to the Congress of the United States. [1791]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. [227]-277, verso of last  
blank; Treaty with Delaware Indians, pp. 279-284; Table, pp. [285]-286;  
Index, pp. [28].

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23845.

Together, 3 vols. in one (11 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), rebound in full sheep.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.

73. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. CONGRESS OF 1791. Second Con-  
gress | of the | United States. | At the First Session, begun and  
held at the City of Philadelphia . . . | . . . the twenty-fourth  
of October, | one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. | An  
Act for the Relief of David Cook and Thomas Campbell. |  
Folio (16 by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), printed on first page of a four-page folder,  
uncut. [Philadelphia, 1791]

Signed in the autograph of *Thomas Jefferson*, as Secretary of State.



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### GEORGIA

74. GEORGIA. CHARTER OF 1741. Manuscript copy of the Georgia Charter [For the printed version of which, see Colonial Charters, 1741. No. 6.] A CERTIFIED Manuscript copy [20 pages] from the Rolls Office, London, of the GEORGIA CHARTER, which was copied from the Original Record in the Chapel of the Rolls. With the affidavits of R. H. Holland, clerk to Messrs. Walter and Pemberton of No. 4 Symonds Inn Chancery Lane; G. Hopkinson, Notary Public, Charleston, S. C.; and the Official Warrant of the governor of South Carolina—John L. Manning, signed by the Secretary of State—Benjamin Perry, showing Hopkinson to be a Notary Public for the State of South Carolina.
75. GEORGIA. COUNCIL OF 1789. Autograph Document, Signed, one page 4to, In Council, Augusta, 21<sup>st</sup> May 1789. "*Ordered That the Governor be requested in the absence of the Commissioners of the Union, to write to the Governor of South Carolina, requesting, that some Militia of that State may be put in immediate readiness for the support of this State.*" Signed,—*Extract from the Minutes, J. Meriwether, Sy.*

The above refers to the incursions of the Creek and Cherokee Indians, whose friendship was secured by treaties in 1790 and 1791.

76. GEORGIA. DIGEST OF LAWS, 1800. A | Digest | of the | Laws | of the | State of Georgia. | From the First Establishment as a British Province Down | to the Year 1798, inclusive, | and the | Principal Acts of 1799 . . . By Robert & George Watkins. 4to (10 by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original calf, binding rubbed, owner's name on several pages.

Philadelphia: | Printed by R. Aitken . . . | 1800

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Address, pp. [iii]–vi; Certification and Copyright, one leaf, verso blank; Declaration of Independence, pp. 6; Constitution and Laws, pp. (7)–711, verso of last blank; Appendix, pp. [713]–837, verso of last blank; Index, pp. (22); Subscribers' Names, pp. (3).

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; L. C.; H. S. P.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.

### MARYLAND

77. MARYLAND. BUCHANAN (ARCHIBALD). An | Oration, | Composed and Delivered | at the Request of the | Republican Society | of | Baltimore, | on the Fourth of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four. | 8vo (9 by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), wrappers, uncut, lower margin of title supplied.

Baltimore: | Printed by Clayland, Dobbin, and Co. . . . |  
M,DCC,XCV. [1795]

On the wrapper is the signature of *Citizen Genet*.

A *Grasmus Gante 1789*  
Compleat COLLECTION  
OF THE  
LAW Sof Maryland.  
WITH  
An INDEX, and Marginal Notes, directing  
to the severall LAWS, and the chief Matters  
contained in them.

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Collected and Printed by AUTHORITY.

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ANNAPOLIS:  
Printed by William Parks. M DCC XXVII.

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## MARYLAND

78. MARYLAND. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1723. Acts | of | Assembly, |  
Passed in the | Province of Maryland, | From 1692, to 1715.  
| [Royal Arms.] | Folio (13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original calf, rebacked.  
London, | Printed by John Baskett . . . | . . . MDCCXXIII.  
[1723]

FINE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL EDITION, SOME MARGINS UNTRIMMED.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. iii-xj, verso of last blank; Index, 7pp., verso of last blank; Laws, pp. 79, verso of last blank, 85-183, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 124; *Sabin*, No. 45045.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; H. L. S.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.

79. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1727. A | Compleat Collection | of the |  
Laws of Maryland. | With | An Index, and Marginal Notes,  
directing | to the several Laws, and the chief Matters | contained  
in them. | Collected and Printed by Authority. | [Arms of Lord  
Baltimore.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original paneled sheep,  
binding worn, lower corner of margins of first 34 pages slightly  
gnawed, no text injured. In cloth folder and red levant morocco  
back slip-case.  
Annapolis: | Printed by William Parks. MDCCXXVII. [1727]

[See Illustration]

THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE ORIGINAL ISSUE OF THE FIRST COMPILATION OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND PRINTED IN AMERICA. Has the autograph signature of *Erasmus Gante*, 1783, and some marginal manuscript annotations.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 300; Index, 6pp.; Slip, Advertisement to the Reader, relative to a mistake of printing on page 237, an Act not in force, pasted to back cover.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 125; *Sabin*, No. 45111; *Evans*, No. 28.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. S.; Md. H. S.; H. L. S.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.



~~ENACTED~~

At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held  
at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on *Tuesday* the  
Tenth Day of *October*, in the Thirteenth Year  
of the Dominion of the Right Honourable  
*CHARLES* Lord Baron of *Baltimore*,  
Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Pro-  
vinces of *Maryland and Avalon, &c. Annoq;*  
*Domini 1727.*—1727—1727, 1727

To which are added, *And*  
Some Laws that were omitted to be Collected  
in the bound Volume As also the SPEECH  
of His Excellency the Governour, and the  
Addresses of both Houses, and the Answers  
thereto, at the Opening this Session.



By AUTHORITY.

James. *ANNAPOLIS:*

Printed and Sold by *William Parks*. MDCCXXVII. Price Two Shillings.

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### MARYLAND

80. MARYLAND. OCTOBER SESSION, 1727. Laws of Maryland. | Enacted | At a Session of Assembly, begun and held | at the City of Annapolis, on Tuesday the | Tenth Day of October, in the Thirteenth Year | of the Dominion of the Right Honourable | Charles Lord Baron of Baltemore, | Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Pro- | vinces of Maryland and Avalon, &c. Annoq; | Domini 1727. | To which are added, | Some Laws that were omitted to be Collected | in the bound Volume. As also the Speech | of His Excellency the Governour, and the | Addresses of both Houses, and the Answers | thereto, at the Opening this Session. | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | By Authority. | Small folio (11¼ by 7), half cardinal crushed levant morocco, margins of title and corners frayed, some margins cut close, pen-and-ink notations on title. In board slip-case. Annapolis: | Printed and Sold by William Parks. MDCCXXVII. Price Two Shillings. [1727]

[See Illustration]

AN ITEM OF EXCESSIVE RARITY. Only one other copy located. The collation given by Sabin does not agree with that of the above copy; the present copy however is perfect, as the last page contains an announcement of the printing of the last session.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Speech of Calvert, etc., 4pp.; Acts, pp. 5-26.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 45184, where the collation is given as pp. (2), 32; *Evans*, No. 2898, follows Sabin in collation, but does not locate a copy. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S. (Imperfect); B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.

The title and verso of this copy contains markings and names in ink, among them the autograph signature of *Bendt. Leond. Calvert, Chan.*, Governor of Maryland, 1727-1732.

81. MARYLAND. DECEMBER SESSION, 1754. Act of Assembly passed in December, 1754. | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | At a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the | City of Annapolis, on Thursday the Twelfth Day | of December . . . | . . . 1754, the following Act passed, *viz.* | An Act for taking and detaining able-bodied Men for | His Majesty's Service. | Small folio (12¼ by 7½), sheet. [Colophon.] Annapolis: Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the Province. [1754-1755]

EXCEEDINGLY SCARCE. ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES.

COLLATION: pp. (2).

REFERENCES: Unknown to Sabin, Evans, and Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

Of French and Indian War Interest. The men to be detained were for the ill-fated Braddock Expedition.



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82. MARYLAND. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1755. Acts | Of the Province of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | At a Session of Assembly, begun and held | at the City of Annapolis, on Saturday the Twenty- | Second Day of February, in the Fourth Year of | the Dominion of the Right Honourable Fre- | derick, Lord Baron of Baltimore, Absolute | Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Mary- | land and Avalon, &c. Annoque Domini 1755. | Published by Authority. | [Arms.] | Small folio (12¼ by 7¾), old wrappers, front wrapper torn, text stained.

Annapolis: | Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the Province; and are to be | Sold at his Printing-Office in Charles-Street, 1755

VERY RARE. One of Three Known Copies.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 3-8.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 7458, where two additional pages are given, and no copy located. The present copy however is complete. Unknown to *Sabin* and *Tower*.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.

Of French and Indian War Interest. Among the acts is one "to prevent the People of this Province from supplying the French, or their Indian Allies, with Ammunition, Warlike Stores, or Provisions of any Kind."

83. MARYLAND. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1759. Abridgment and Collection | of the | Acts of Assembly | Of the Province of | Maryland, | At present in Force. | With | A small choice | Collection of Precedents | in | Law, and, Conveyancing. | Calculated for the Use of the Gentlemen of the Province. | By James Bisset, Attorney, at Law. | [Line of quotation from Virgil.] | 8vo (8 by 5), old sheep, new leather labels.

Philadelphia: | Printed by William Bradford, Printer, in Market- | Street, for the Author, 1759. | [Price line.]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 4pp.; Charter, pp. 10; Text, pp. 11-288; Half-title to Precedents, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. 291-338; Index, pp. 339-343, wrongly numbered, 344, verso of last blank; Index to Laws, pp. 345-366, wrongly numbered, 566.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 127; *Hildeburn*, No. 1619; *Sabin*, No. 5643; *Evans*, No. 8391.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; H. S. P.; M. H. S.; J. C. B.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

Has Autograph Signature of *G. Johnston*, 1761, and the armorial book-pile book-plate of Johnston, with the initial G inserted in ink [*Allen*, No. 436.]



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## MARYLAND

84. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1765. Laws | of | Maryland | At Large, | With Proper | Indexes. | Now first Collected into One Compleat Body, and Published from the | Original Acts and Records, remaining in the Secretary's- | Office of the said | Province. | Together with Notes and other Matters, relative to the Con- | stitution thereof, extracted from the Provincial Records. | To which is prefixed, The | Charter, | With an English Translation. | By Thomas Bacon . . . | | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] Folio (15 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), new full sheep, title-page and all margins worm-eaten, some partly mildewed, the text is not injured; signature of *John Tayloe, Mount Airy*, on title. Annapolis: | Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the Province. | MDCCLXV. [1765]

LARGE PAPER.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 4pp.; Charter, half-title and text, 17pp., verso of last blank; Text, 310 unnumbered leaves [620pp.]; Index, 88 unnumbered pages; Advertisement, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*: No. 128; *Sabin*, No. 45186; *Evans*, No. 10049.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. S.; Md. H. S.; J. C. B.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; C. H. S.; B. L.

This compilation covers the Laws of Maryland from 1637 to 1763.

85. MARYLAND. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1777. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Convened by the Council of Safety, and | begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Wednesday | the fifth of February, in the Year of our Lord, one thou- | sand seven hundred and seventy-seven. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut. Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1777]

FINE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (55), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 45188; *Evans*, No. 15393.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

86. MARYLAND. JUNE SESSION, 1777. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the | sixteenth of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand | seven hundred and seventy-seven. | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), old marbled boards, sheep back.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1777]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (26).

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 15394. Not in *Tower*.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains among other acts, one for reinforcing the Continental Army.

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87. MARYLAND. MARCH SESSION, 1778. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the City of Annapolis, on Thursday the | seventeenth of  
March, in the year of our Lord one | thousand seven hundred and  
seventy-eight. | [Arms.] | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅜), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1778]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (48).

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 15878. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.;  
N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains among other acts those for enlarging the power of the government  
and for procuring troops for the Continental army.

88. MARYLAND. JUNE SESSION, 1778. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the | eighth of June, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand | seven hundred and seventy-  
eight. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅜), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green. [1778]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (9), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 15879. Not in Tower.

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B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last page contains signatures of,—George Calvert, William Temple,  
Coll. Stall, Benjamin Hull, David Crawford, and Benjamin Bradford Norris.

89. MARYLAND. OCTOBER SESSION, 1780. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the city of Annapolis, on Tuesday the | seventeenth of Oc-  
tober, in the year of our Lord one | thousand seven hundred  
and eighty. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅜),  
sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.  
[1781]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. (103), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17205. Not in Tower.

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N. Y. S.

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### MARYLAND

90. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1785. Laws | of Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Monday the | seventeenth of November, in the year of our Lord one thou- | sand seven hundred and eighty-five. [to March, 1786] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on title. Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.

[1786]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including two and one half pages of Index, 149 unnumbered pages, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19770. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M. (147 pages); H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

91. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1786. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the sixth of | November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hun- | dred and eighty-six [to January 20, 1787] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State.

[1787]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  pages of Index, 48 unnumbered pages. *Evans* calls for (2), (50) pages, but this copy is perfect.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20484. Not in Tower.

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92. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1787. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made Since | M,DCC,LXIII, | Consisting of | Acts of Assembly | under the | Proprietary Government, | Resolves of Convention, the Declar- | ati- | on of Rights, the Constitution and Form | of Government | the Articles of Confe- | deration, And, | Acts of Assembly | Since the | Revolution. | [8 lines of quotation.] | Folio (15 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original sheep, new leather labels.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. |

MDCCLXXXVII. [1787]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Introduction, 2pp.; Acts, 220 unnumbered leaves (440 pages); Table, 6 unnumbered leaves (12 pages); Appendix, one page, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 129; *Sabin*, No. 45189; *Evans*, No. 20483.

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93. MARYLAND. APRIL SESSION, 1787. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the tenth of | April, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and | eighty-seven. [to May 26, 1787] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State.  
[1787]

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REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20485. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

94. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1787. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the fifth of | November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and eighty-seven. [to December 17, 1787] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, some margins uncut.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State.  
[1788]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, including one page of List, 45 unnumbered pages, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21222. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

95. MARYLAND. MAY SESSION, 1788. Laws | of | Maryland, | Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the twelfth | of May, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and eighty-eight. [to May 27, 1788] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.  
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[1788]

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### MARYLAND

96. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1788. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the city of Annapolis on Monday the third of | November, in  
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and eighty-  
eight. [to December 23, 1788] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] |  
Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.  
[1789]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, 50pp.; List, one page, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21933. Not in Tower.

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97. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1789. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the city of Annapolis on Monday the second | of November,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun- | dred and eighty-  
nine. [to December 26, 1789] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio  
(14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.  
[1790]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  pages of List, 84pp.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22640; Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

98. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1790. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the city of Annapolis on Monday the first | of November,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun- | dred and  
ninety. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Folio (14 by 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.  
[1790]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  pages of index, pp. (93), verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22640, where the collation is given as pp. (2), 84.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; M. S. L.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

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99. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1791. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the city of Annapolis on Monday the seventh | of November,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun- | dred and  
ninety-one. [to December 30, 1791] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] |  
Folio ( $13\frac{1}{4}$  by  $8\frac{1}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut, original front board cover,  
slight stain on few corners.  
Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.

[1792]

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46 unnumbered leaves (92 pages). Evans gives collation as pp. (2), (100),  
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REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24503.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; S. L. M.;  
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100. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1792. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the city of Annapolis on Monday the fifth of | November,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and ninety-  
two. [to December 23, 1792] | [Arms of Lord Baltimore.] | Folio  
( $13\frac{1}{4}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ), original boards, uncut.

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[1793]

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101. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1793. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the city of Annapolis on Monday the fourth of | November,  
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred | and ninety-  
three. | [Arms of Baltimore.] | Folio ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{3}{8}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.

[1793]

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pp. (97), verso of last blank.

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N. Y. P.

102. MARYLAND. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1794. Laws | of | Maryland, |  
Made and Passed | at a | Session of Assembly, | Begun and held  
at the City of Annapolis on Monday the | Third of November,  
in the year of our Lord one | thousand seven hundred and ninety-  
four. | Folio ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, | Printer to the State.

[1794]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, including Index, pp. (78).

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### MARYLAND

103. MARYLAND. ABRIDGED LAWS, 1799. A | Digest | of the | Laws of Maryland, | being | An Abridgement, | Alphabetically Arranged, | of All the Public Acts of Assembly now in Force, | and of General Use, | From the First Settlement of the State, to the end of November | Session 1797, inclusive, with references to the Acts at Large. | By Thomas Herty. | [11 lines of quotations.] | 8vo (9 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 6), rebound in half morocco, slight stain on few corners.

Baltimore:—Printed for the Editor. | 1799

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso copy-right line; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 2pp.; Index, pp. [iii]–xii; Text, pp. [13]–522; Errata, one leaf, verso, advertisement of a new work “Abridgement of the Laws of the United States.”

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 31596.

COPIES LOCATED: Md. H. S.; C. U.; L. C.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.

104. MARYLAND. LAWS, 1799–1800. The | Laws | of | Maryland, | to which are prefixed | The Original Charter, | with an | English Translation, | The Bill of Rights | and | Constitution of the State, | as Originally Adopted by the Convention, | with the Several Alterations by Acts of Assembly, | The Declaration of Independence, | The Articles of Confederation, | The Constitution of the General Government, | and the Amendments made thereto, | with an | Index | to the Laws, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution. | In Two Volumes. | Revised and collected, under the Authority of the Legislature, | By William Kilty, Attorney at Law. | 2 vols. 4to (10 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original calf, new calf backs with leather labels, a few corners with slight stains, stencilled stamp on titles.

Annapolis: | Printed by Frederick Green, Printer to the State. | 1799[–1800]

COLLATION: Vol. I. Title, one leaf; Introduction, 2pp.; Half-title to Charter, and text of same and other preliminary matters, 20 unnumbered leaves (40 pages); Laws, 359 unnumbered leaves (717 pages, verso of last blank; Index, 97 unnumbered leaves (194 pages); Vol. II. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Address by George Washington, 4 unnumbered leaves; Text, 471 leaves (942 pages). The Index to both Vols. is bound in first vol.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 45190.

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THE GENERAL  
**L A W S**  
A N D  
**LIBERTIES**  
OF THE  
**Massachusetts Colony**  
I N  
**New-England,**

Revised and Reprinted,

By Order of the General Court holden at BOSTON,  
*May 15th, 1672.*

*Edward Rawson, Secr.*

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*Whoſoever therefore reſiſteth the Power, reſiſteth the Ordinance of God; and  
they that reſiſt, receive to themſelves Damnation. Rom. 13. 2.*

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*Cambridge in New-England,*

Printed by *Samuel Green*, for *John Uſher* of *Boston*, and to be ſold by  
*Richard Chifwel*, at the Roſe and Crown in *St. Paul's Church-yard*,  
*London*, 1675.

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### MASSACHUSETTS

105. MASSACHUSETTS. GENERAL LAWS, 1675. The General | Laws | and | Liberties | of the | Massachusetts Colony | in | New-England, | Revised and Reprinted, | By Order of the General Court holden at Boston, | May 15th, 1672. | Edward Rawson, Secr. | [Two-line quotation from *Rom. 13.2.*] | Small folio (11¼ by 7¾), old calf, rebaked. With cloth folder, in half red levant morocco slip-case.

Cambridge in New-England, | Printed by Samuel Green, for John Usher of Boston, and to be sold by | Richard Chiswel, at the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Churchyard, | London, 1675

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCESSIVELY RARE ISSUE, UNDOUBTEDLY PRINTED, AS STATED BY MR. ALBERT MATTHEWS, AT CAMBRIDGE IN 1672, WITH A NEW TITLE AND THE LIST OF BOOKS ADDED BY CHISWEL IN 1675.

COLLATION: List of Books "Sold also by Richard Chiswel," one leaf, recto blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank; General Laws, pp. 1-161, verso of last blank (p. 16 wrongly numbered 14); Presidents, Forms, pp. 162-170, verso of last blank, the odd page numbers for this section are on the left-hand, and the even numbers on the right-hand pages; Several Laws and Orders made at the | General Court | Holden the 15th of May | 1672. | And Printed by their Order. | Edward Rawson Secr. | pp. 6; one blank leaf; A Summary of the Laws, 27pp., verso of last blank; one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Russell*, Page 10; *Tower*, No. 135, where the same collation as above is given, but in a different order, the Table is also placed at 28pp.; *Evans*, No. 200, where the collation is given as, pp. (2), 170, (27), (2), which does not take into account the six pages of "Several Laws" in the above copy.

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For an extensive historical and bibliographical account of the printing of these laws, See, MR. ALBERT MATTHEWS's "Note on the 1672 Edition and the 1675 Volume of the Massachusetts Laws," where a full comparison of the two volumes is given, the copy of the 1675 issue referred to being the present one, and where the only alteration to be made is that relative to the number of lines in the "Errata" on page 170, which contains nine, as in the 1672 edition, and not ten. In this work the differences of the two issues are fully treated, and the further statement is made, that "the text and Summary of the 1675 volume were printed at Cambridge in 1672; that for some reason which cannot now be determined, it became necessary to reset in some copies the three pages numbered 168-170, and they were reset either in Cambridge or in London; that a new title-page was printed in London; and that the List of Books was printed in London."

A COPY OF MATTHEWS'S PAMPHLET ACCOMPANIES THE ABOVE COPY OF LAWS, which contains also, the armorial book-plate of William Dobyns of Lincolns-Inn.



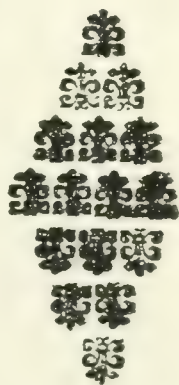
# ACTS AND LAWS,

Passed by the Great and General Court  
or Assembly of Their Majesties Pro-  
vince of the Massachusetts-Bay, in

## New-England.

Begun at *Boston*, the Eighth Day of *June*, 1692. And Con-  
tinued by Adjournment, unto *Wednesday* the Twelfth  
Day of *October* following : Being the Second Sessions.

*Anno Regni Gulielmi, et Mariæ, Regis et Regina Angliæ, Scotiæ,  
Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Quarto.*



B O S T O N

Printed by *Benjamin Harris*, Printer to His Excellency,  
the Governour and Council, 1692.

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MASSACHUSETTS

106. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1692. Acts | and | Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court | or Assembly of Their  
Majesties Pro- | vince of the Massachusetts-Bay, in | New-Eng-  
land. | Begun at Boston, the Eighteenth Day of June, 1692.  
And Con- | tinued by Adjournment, unto Wednesday the  
Twelfth | Day of October following: Being the Second Sessions. |  
Anno Regni Guilelmi, et Mariæ, Regis et Reginae Angliæ,  
Scotiæ, | Franciæ, et Hiberniæ, Quarte. | [Type ornaments.] |  
Small folio (11 by 7¼), full claret crushed levant morocco, triple  
gilt fillet border on sides, gilt back and edges, inside gilt border,  
BY RIVIÈRE.  
Boston | Printed by Benjamin Harris, Printer to His Excellency, |  
the Governour and Council, 1692

[See Illustration]

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Printer by the Governor, one leaf, recto blank; Contents, one leaf, verso blank;  
Acts, pp. 1-90 (pp. 83-84 misbound).

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 20; *Sabin*, No. 45565; *Evans*, No.  
618, where the preliminary matter is cited as pp. (3); *Tower*, No. 140; *Church*,  
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B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.; H. L.; A. A. S.

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T H E  
CHARTER

Granted by Their Majesties

*Samuel Brainerd . 1699*

King WILLIAM

A N D

Queen MARY,



To the

INHABITANTS

Of the

PROVINCE

OF THE

Massachusetts-Bay

I N

New-England.

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B O S T O N in N E W - E N G L A N D .

Printed by *Bartolomew Green*, and *John Allen*, (Printers to His Excellency  
the GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL, ) for, and Sold  
by *Michael Perry*, and *Benjamin Eliot*.

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### MASSACHUSETTS

107. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1699. The | Charter |  
Granted by Their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, |  
To the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-  
Bay | in | New-England. |  
Boston in New-England. | Printed by Bartholomew Green, and  
John Allen, (Printers to His Excellency | the Governour & Coun-  
cil,) for, and Sold | by Michael Perry, and Benjamin Eliot. | 1699

### ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His | Majesties Province of the Massachu-  
setts- | Bay, in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |  
Boston. | Printed by Bartholomew Green, | and John Allen,  
(Printers | to His Excellency the Governour and Council,) | for,  
and Sold by Michael Perry at his Shop over against | the Town-  
House, and Benjamin Eliot under the West- | End of the Town-  
House. 1699

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[See Illustration]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 30; *Sabin*, No. 45566, where additional Session Laws are apparently included, making 192 pages; *Evans*, Nos. 867 and 868; *Tower*, No. 148; *Church*, Nos. 781 and 782, and where the following note appears,—

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This copy contains the Autograph Signature, in two places, of *Samuel Browne*, 1699, Justice and Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Essex County, from 1715 to 1731. He was born, October 8, 1669, and died at the age of 62, June 16, 1731. He succeeded his father, Judge William Brown, as Judge, and lived in Salem, Massachusetts.

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MASSACHUSETTS

108. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1714. The | Charter |  
Granted by Their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary.  
| to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-  
Bay | in | New-England. |

ALSO

ACT | AND | LAWS, | Of Her Majesties | Province | of the | Massa-  
chusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |

The two works, as issued, in one vol., small folio (11¾ by 7½),  
original sheep, new leather labels.

Boston in New-England: | Printed by B. Green, Printer to His  
Excellency the | Governour & Council, for Benjamin Eliot | and  
Sold at his Shop on the North side of King's Street. | 1714

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on both title-pages reads the same.

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of last blank; Title to Laws, one leaf, verso authorization for printing; Acts,  
pp. 239, verso of last blank; Table, pp. vi.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Russell*, Page 50; *Evans*, No. 1686; *Tower*, No. 184,  
where additional Session Laws are mentioned.

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This is the issue cited in the Preface to the new edition of the Province Laws  
(1869) as "among the rarest of rare books."

The Acts cover dates from June 8th, 1692 to May 27th, 1713, inclusive.

109. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1714. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth  
of May, 1714. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), sheets, slightly stained,  
small tear in three leaves. [Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1714]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 50; *Tower*, No. 184.

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A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

110. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1714. [Royal Arms.]  
| Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-  
sixth of May, 1714. And | continued . . . unto Wednesday the  
Twentieth | of October following, and then Met. | Small folio  
(11¾ by 7¼), sheets, slightly stained.

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COLLATION: pp. 249-254.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 51; *Tower*, No. 184.

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254), attached.

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## MASSACHUSETTS

111. MASSACHUSETTS. JULY SESSION, 1715. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-fifth of May, 1715. And conti- | nued . . . unto Wednesday the Twentieth Day of July | following, and then Met. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin.

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 52; *Evans*, No. 1751; *Tower*, No. 184.

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112. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1715. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston Wednesday the Twenty-fifth of May, 1715. And con- | tinued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty-third | Day of November following, and then Met. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1715]

COLLATION: pp. 259-268.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 52; *Evans*, No. 1752; *Tower*, No. 184.

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113. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1716. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Thirtieth of May, 1716. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1716]

COLLATION: pp. 269-278.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 52; *Evans*, No. 1815; *Tower*, No. 184.

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114. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1716. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Thirtieth of May, 1716. And | continued . . . unto Wednesday the seventh | Day of November following, and then Met. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1716]

COLLATION: pp. 279-286.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1816; *Tower*, No. 184.

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115. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1717. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth of May 1717. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin. [Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1717]  
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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1891; *Tower*, No. 184.  
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116. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1717. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth of May 1717. | And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty- | third of October following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margins. [Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1717]  
COLLATION: pp. 291-294.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1892; *Tower*, No. 184.  
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117. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth of May, 1717. | And continued . . . unto Thursday the Sixth | Day of February following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margins. [Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1718]  
COLLATION: pp. 295-298.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 53; *Evans*, No. 1966; *Tower*, No. 184.  
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118. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth of May, 1718. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margin. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . 1718  
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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 54; *Evans*, No. 1967; *Tower*, No. 184.  
COPIES LOCATED: B. P.; L. C.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.  
Contains among other acts that for preventing abuses to the Indians.

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## MASSACHUSETTS

119. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth of May, 1718. | And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty- | ninth Day of October following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sewed, slight stain on margins.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . 1718

COLLATION: pp. 311-314.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 54; *Evans*, No. 1968; *Tower*, No. 184.

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120. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1719. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-seventh Day of May, 1719. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, slight stain on margins, and small pieces torn from lower last leaf, some text missing.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . 1719

COLLATION: pp. 315-318.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 55; *Evans*, No. 2031; *Tower*, No. 184.

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121. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1724. Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | Great and General Court or Assembly | Of the Province of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in | New-England, | From 1692, to 1719. | To which is Prefix'd, | The Charter, Granted by Their late | Majesties King William and Queen Mary, to the | Inhabitants of the said Province, A.D. 1691, | Annoq; Regni 3°. | [Royal Arms.] | Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original calf, rebacked, stain on few leaves.

London, | Printed by John Baskett, Printer to the King's most Excellent | Majesty, MDCCXXIV. [1724]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Index, pp. iii-xvi; Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. iii-xvi; Acts, pp. 359, 30 of which are blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 62; *Sabin*, No. 45567; *Tower*, No. 214.

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The Acts cover dates from June 8th, 1692 to May 27th, 1719, inclusive.

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122. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1726. The | Charter |  
Granted by Their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary,  
| to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-  
Bay | in | New-England. |

ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massa-  
chusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |  
The two works in one vol. small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7 <sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), original  
sheep, rebacked.

Boston in New-England: | Printed by B. Green, Printer to the  
Honourable the Lieut. | Governour & Council, for Benjamin  
Eliot, | and Sold at his Shop near the Town-House in King's  
Street. | 1726

COMPLETE COPY. The imprint reads the same on both titles.

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pp. 12; Explanation to Charter, pp. 13-14; Table, pp. 17, verso of last blank;  
Title to Acts, one leaf, verso authorization of printing; Acts, pp. 347, verso  
of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 63; *Sabin*, No. 45568; *Tower*, No.  
215; *Evans*, No. 2762.

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C. H. S.; C. U.

123. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1726. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court or  
Assembly . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednes-  
day the Twenty-fifth Day of May, 1726. | And continued by  
several Prorogations unto Wednesday the Twenty- | third Day  
of November following, and then Met. | Small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by  
7 <sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin  
Eliot. 1727

COLLATION: pp. 349-354.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 64; *Tower*, No. 216; *Evans*, No.  
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124. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1727. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May, 1727. | Small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin Eliot. 1727

COLLATION: pp. 355-370.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 64; *Tower*, No. 217; *Evans*, No. 2901.

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Contains among other acts, those for erecting the towns of Uxbridge and Hanover.

125. MASSACHUSETTS. AUGUST SESSION, 1727. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May, 1727. | And continued . . . to the Sixteenth Day of August | following. | Small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin Eliot. 1727

COLLATION: pp. 371-373, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 65; *Tower*, No. 218; *Evans*, No. 2902.

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126. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER-NOVEMBER SESSION, 1727. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May | 1727. And continued . . . unto Wednesday | the Fourth Day of October following. |

### ALSO

[Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . | Begun and Held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-second Day of | November, 1727. |

The two sessions issued as one. Small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | 1728

COLLATION: pp. 375-400. The first signature shows that these two sessions were printed at one time.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 65; *Tower*, Nos. 219 and 220; *Evans*, Nos. 3054 and 3055.

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Contains among other acts, one relating to the Forty Petitioners for a tract of land at Hassanamisco.

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127. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1728. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May, 1728. | Small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by B. Green . . . | . . . for Benjamin Eliot. 1728

COLLATION: pp. 401-412.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 66; *Tower*, No. 221; *Evans*, No. 3056.

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Contains among other acts, that relating to the exemption from taxation of Anabaptists and Quakers.

128. MASSACHUSETTS. JULY SESSION, 1728. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May, 1728. | And continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty-fourth | Day of July following, and then met. | Small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets.

[Without colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1728]

COLLATION: pp 413-416.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 66; *Tower*, No. 222; *Evans*, No. 3057.

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Contains among other acts, that for the repeal of the act for the punishment of Duelling.

129. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1729. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun & Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May, 1728. | And continued . . . to Salem | the Second of April, 1729. | Small folio (11 <sup>11</sup>/<sub>16</sub> by 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1729]

COLLATION: pp. 417-419, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 67; *Tower*, No. 223; *Evans*, No. 3182.

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Among other acts is one for allowing supplies to the Eastern Indians.

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130. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1730. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Salem upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May, | 1729. And continued . . . | to Boston the Nineteenth Day of November following. |

### ALSO

[Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Cambridge upon Wednesday the Twenty-seventh Day of | May, 1730. and continued . . . to Wednesday | the Ninth Day of September following, and continued . . . || to Roxbury and thence to Boston. |

The two sessions issued as one part. Small folio ( $11\frac{11}{16}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Published, October 31, 1730. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 421-436. The first of the above was not printed till after October, 1730, when it was issued with the second.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 68; *Tower*, Nos. 224 and 225; *Evans*, Nos. 3306 and 3307.

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131. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Tenth Day of February, 1730 [Wrongly numbered, should be 1731.] | Small folio ( $11\frac{11}{16}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Published, April 24th. 1731. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 437-456.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 69; *Tower*, No. 226; *Evans*, No. 3440.

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Among other acts is one empowering the Commissioners to determine the Bounds between Massachusetts and New-Hampshire.

132. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun & Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May, 1731. | Small folio ( $11\frac{11}{16}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Published, Aug. 18th. 1731. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 457-462.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 69; *Tower*, No. 227; *Evans*, No. 3441.

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133. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun & Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May, 1731. | and continued . . . unto Wednesday the Third | Day of November following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets. [No colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1731]

COLLATION: pp. 463-468.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 70; *Tower*, No. 288; *Evans*, No. 3442.

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Among other acts is one for supplies for the Eastern and Western Indians.

134. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1731. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May | 1731. and continued . . . | unto Wednesday the First Day of December following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets. [No colophon. Boston: B. Green, 1732]

COLLATION: pp. 469-476.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 70; *Tower*, No. 229; *Evans*, No. 3564.

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Among other acts is one relative to the exemption from taxation of Quakers.

135. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1732. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun & Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May, 1732. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets. [Colophon.] Published, July 1. 1732. [Boston: B. Green]

COLLATION: pp. 477-483, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 70; *Tower*, No. 230; *Evans*, No. 3565.

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Among other acts is one relating to the erecting of the town of Harvard.

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136. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1732. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and | Held at Boston upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May 1732. | and continued . . . unto Wednesday the first Day of | November following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] The foregoing Acts were Published, Jan. 6. 1732.  
[Boston: S. Kneeland, 1733]

COLLATION: pp. 485-490.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 71; *Tower*, No. 231; *Evans*, No. 3679.

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137. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun & held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of May, 1733 [wrongly printed, should be 1732] | and continued . . . unto Wednesday the Fourth | Day of April following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] The seven foregoing Acts were published, April 28.  
1733. [Boston: S. Kneeland]

COLLATION: 491-498.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 71; *Tower*, No. 232; *Evans*, No. 3680.

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Among other acts is one authorizing the Commissioners to determine the Boundary the late Colony of Plymouth and Rhode Island; also one for supplies for the Eastern and Western Indians.

138. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun & held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May 1733. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: S. Kneeland, 1733]

COLLATION: pp. 499-500.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 72; *Tower*, No. 233-500; *Evans*, No. 3681.

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Contains the act erecting the township of Sheffield.

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139. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1733. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun & held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May 1733. | and continued . . . unto, Wednesday the | Third Day of October following. |

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JANUARY SESSION, 1734. ACTS AND LAWS | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May 1733, and | continued . . . unto Thursday the Twenty- | fourth Day of January following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: S. Kneeland, 1734]

COLLATION: pp. 501-510.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 72; *Tower*, Nos. 234 and 235; *Evans*, Nos. 3790 and 3682.

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The first of the above was probably not printed until the early part of 1734, as the last page of same forms the first of the next signature, and the caption of the second is without the royal arms.

140. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held | Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May 1733, and | continued . . . unto Wednesday the Tenth | Day of April following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: S. Kneeland, 1734]

COLLATION: pp. 511-512.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 73; *Tower*, No. 236; *Evans*, No. 3791.

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141. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May 1734. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] The Eleven foregoing Acts were Publish'd July 6, 1734. [Boston: S. Kneeland, 1734]

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REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 73; *Tower*, No. 237; *Evans*, No. 3792.

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Contains among other acts those for erecting the townships of Hallifax, Somers and Litchfield; also the one exempting *Anabaptists* from taxation.



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142. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1734. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May 1734, | and continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twentieth | Day of November following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] The four foregoing Acts were published, Jan. 4. 1734. [Boston: John Draper]

COLLATION: pp. 527-530.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 74; *Tower*, No. 238; *Evans*, No. 3923.

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143. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at Boston, upon | Wednesday the Twenty-ninth Day of May 1734, and continued by | . . . unto Wednesday the Ninth Day of April following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by John Draper, Printer to His | Excellency the Governour and Council. [1735]

COLLATION: pp. 531-534.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 74; *Tower*, No. 239; *Evans*, No. 3924.

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144. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May 1735. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by J. Draper . . . | . . . 1735

COLLATION: pp. 535-549, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 75; *Tower*, No. 240; *Evans*, No. 3925.

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145. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1735. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May 1735. | And continued . . . to Wednesday the Nineteenth Day | of November following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by J. Draper . . . | [1736]

COLLATION: pp. 551-558.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 75; *Tower*, No. 241; *Evans*, No. 4034.

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Contains the act regulating trade with the Indians.

146. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at Boston, upon | Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May 1735, and continued by | . . . unto Wednesday the Seventeenth of March following. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by J. Draper . . . | [1736]

COLLATION: pp. 559-560.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 76; *Tower*, No. 242; *Evans*, No. 4035.

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147. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . . . begun and held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May 1736. | Small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by J. Draper . . . | . . . 1736

COLLATION: pp. 561-564.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 76; *Tower*, No. 243; *Evans*, No. 4036.

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148. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION LAWS, 1736. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and held at | Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May 1736. And | continued . . . unto Wednesday the Twenty-fourth | Day of November following and then Met. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets, slight tear in margin of one leaf.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by John Draper . . . | | [1737]  
COLLATION: pp. 565-592.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 77; *Tower*, No. 244; *Evans*, No. 4157.  
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149. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1737. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston, | upon Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of May 1737. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston, Printed by J. Draper . . . | | [1737]  
COLLATION: pp. 593-626.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 78; *Tower*, No. 245; *Evans*, No. 4158.  
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Contains the acts relative to the supplies for the Indians, and the making of small bills of several denomination, with illustrations of the latter.
150. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1737. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston, | upon Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of May 1737, and continued by | . . . to Wednesday the 30th Day of November | following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{7}{8}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by J. Draper . . . | . . . [1738]  
COLLATION: pp. 627-644.  
REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 79; *Tower*, No. 246; *Evans*, No. 4265.  
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151. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1742. The | Charter |  
Granted by their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, |  
to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-  
Bay | in | New-England. |

ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massa-  
chusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |

The two works in one vol. small folio (11½ by 7½), original sheep, rebaked, with new labels.

Boston in New-England: | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland  
and Timothy Green, | by Order of His Excellency the Governour,  
Council and | House of Representatives. MDCCXLII. [1742]

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 12; Explanation to Charter, pp. 13-14; Table, pp. 28; Title to Acts, one leaf verso, authorization for printing; Acts, pp. 333, verso of last blank; Session for March [1743] pp. 335-337. This is the last Session of the General Court of 1742-1743. The imprint on both titles reads the same.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 87; *Tower*, No. 262; *Evans*, Nos. 5002, 5003 and 5236.

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Both Tower and Evans include in their pagination the Session for March, 1743.

This session, though included in the General Index, was printed later than the body of the work, and its inclusion in the Index shows that the latter must also have been printed after March, 1743. The session has its own caption with the royal arms, and its own colophon.

The Acts and Laws in this issue comprise the years 1692 to 1742, inclusive.

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152. MASSACHUSETTS. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1742. Temporary | Acts and Laws | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massachusetts-Bay | in New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 1/8 by 7 1/2), three-quarter cardinal crushed levant morocco, gilt back, title-page neatly hinged at inner margin, corner of one leaf repaired.

Boston, N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, | by Order of His Excellency the Governour, Council and | House of Representatives. MDCCXLII. [1742]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST REVISED EDITION OF THE TEMPORARY LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS, with the Index covering first 74 pages.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso authorization of printing; Table, pp. 4; Acts, pp. 1-74 + 75-76, 77-81 (verso blank), and 83-89 (verso blank).

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 85; *Tower*, Nos. 351, 352, 353, and 354; *Evans*. Nos. 5004, 5240, 5241, and 5242.

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PERFECT COPY OF THIS ISSUE, WITH ADDITIONAL ACTS, each with its own colophon, and paged continuously. The four pages of Table, covering pages 75 to 205, mentioned by *Tower* and *Evans*, were issued later, and are not included in this issue.

These Laws cover dates from May 26, 1736, to May 26, 1742, inclusive. The additional Acts are,—

- (1) An Act, Passed by the Great and General Court . . . of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay . . . Boston upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth Day of May. And continued by Adjournment and Prorogations unto Thursday the thirty first of March following. *Tower*, No. 352.
- (2) Acts and Laws, . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May, 1743. *Tower*, No. 353.
- (3) Acts and Laws . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May, 1743, and continued . . . to Thursday the eighth Day of September following.

Each one of the additional Acts has Royal Arms at top of first page.

153. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1743. [Royal Arms.] | An Act, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty fifth Day of May 1743. | Small folio (11 1/2 by 7 1/2), sheet. [Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]

COLLATION: pp. 339-340.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 89; *Tower*, No. 263; *Evans*, No. 5237.

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154. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1743. [Royal Arms.] |  
An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-fifth  
Day of May 1743. | and continued . . . | . . . to Thursday the  
eighth Day of September following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½),  
sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Knee-  
land and Timothy Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]

COLLATION: pp. 341-344.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 90; *Tower*, No. 265; *Evans*, No.  
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155. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1743. [Royal Arms.] |  
An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-fifth  
Day of May 1743, and continued . . . | . . . to Thursday the  
twentieth of October following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Knee-  
land and Timothy Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]

COLLATION: pp. 345-348.

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M. H. S.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains the act for more speedy finishing of the Land Bank.

156. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
. . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-  
fifth Day of May 1743, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday  
the eighth Day of February following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½),  
sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed and Sold by Samuel Knee-  
land and Timothy Green, . . . | . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]

COLLATION: pp. 349-352.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 92; *Tower*, No. 267; *Evans*, No.  
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157. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May 1743, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the eighth Day of February following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLIII. [1743]

COLLATION: pp. 353-356.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 92; *Tower*, No. 267; *Evans*, No.

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Contains the act relative to the Land Bank.

158. MASSACHUSETTS. AUGUST SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May 1744, and continued . . . | to Thursday the ninth Day of August following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, | . . . MDCCXLIV. [1744]

COLLATION: pp. 357-359, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 94; *Tower*, No. 268; *Evans*, No. 5428.

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Contains the act for the more speedy finishing of the Land Bank.

159. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | An Act, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May 1744, and continued . . . | . . . to the tenth Day of October following. | Small folio (11½ by 7⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, | . . . MDCCXLIV. [1744]

COLLATION: pp. 361-362.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 95; *Tower*, No. 269; *Evans*, No. 5429.

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Contains the act to appropriate part of Governour's Island, Boston Harbor, for government use.

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160. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1744. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May 1744, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the twenty-eighth Day of November | following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Samuel Kneeland and Timothy Green, | . . . 1745

COLLATION: pp. 363-366.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 95; *Tower*, No. 270; *Evans*, No. 5626.

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161. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1745. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty ninth-Day of May 1745. And continued by | . . . to Wednesday the eleventh Day of December | following. Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. Printed and Sold by Samuel Kneeland and | Timothy Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLV. [1745]

COLLATION: pp. 367-372.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 97; *Tower*, No. 271; *Evans*, No. 5627.

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162. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1746. [Royal Arms.] | An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-eighth of May 1746. And continued . . . | . . . to Thursday the sixth of November following. | Small folio (11½ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T. Green . . . | . . . MDCCXLVI. [1746]

COLLATION: pp. 373-374.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 100; *Tower*, No. 272; *Evans*, No. 5798.

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Contains act for making Taunton the County-town of Bristol County.

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163. MASSACHUSETTS. AUGUST SESSION, 1747. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-seventh Day of May 1747, and continued by | Adjournments to Wednesday the twelfth Day of August following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T. Green | . . . MDCCXLVII. [1747]

COLLATION: pp. 375-377, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 102; *Evans*, No. 5995; *Tower*, No. 272.\*

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164. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1748. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston upon | Wednesday the twenty-seventh Day of May 1747, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the third Day of February | following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T. Green . . . | MDCCXLVII. [1747]

COLLATION: pp. 379-380.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 103; *Evans*, No. 6180; *Tower*, No. 273.

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165. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1748. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston | upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth Day of May 1748, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the twenty-first Day of | December following, and then met. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{3}{8}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T. Green, | . . . MDCCXCIX. [1749]

COLLATION: pp. 381-390.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 105; *Evans*, No. 6353; *Tower*, No. 274.

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Contains among other acts that "for the more speedy finishing the Land Bank."



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166. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1749. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
| . . . Begun and held at | Boston upon Wednesday the thirty-  
first Day of May 1749. and contin- | ued . . . to the twenty-  
third of November follow- | ing, and then met. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T.  
Green, | . . . MDCCXLIX. [1749]

COLLATION: pp. 391-394.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 108; *Evans*, No. 6354; *Tower*, No.  
275.

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167. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1750. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
| . . . Begun and held at | Boston upon Wednesday the thirty-  
first Day of May 1749, and conti- | nued . . . to the twenty-  
second | Day of March following, and then met. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland  
and T. | Green . . . | . . . MDCCL. [1750]

COLLATION: pp. 395-398.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 109; *Evans*, No. 6535; *Tower*, No.  
276.

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H. S. P.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

168. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1750. [Royal Arms.] |  
An Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and Held at | Boston upon Wednesday the thirtieth  
Day of May 1750, and continued | . . . to Wednesday the  
twenty-sixth of September following. Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ).  
sheet.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T.  
Green . . . | . . . 1750

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277.

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169. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1751. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May 1750; and con- | tinued . . . to Thursday the tenth of January following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{8}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T. Green . . . | . . . 1750

COLLATION: pp. 401-404.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 111; *Evans*, No. 6705; *Tower*, No. 278.

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170. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1751. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Boston upon Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May 1750; and con- | tinued . . . to Wednesday the twenty- | seventh Day of March following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T. Green . . . | . . . 1751

COLLATION: pp. 405-410.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 112; *Evans*, No. 6706; *Tower*, No. 279.

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Contains the act "for the more speedy finishing the Land Bank."

171. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1751. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held at Boston | upon Wednesday the twenty-ninth Day of May 1751, and continued . . . | . . . to Friday the twenty-seventh Day of December following. | Small folio ( $11\frac{5}{8}$  by  $7\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T. Green . . . | . . . 1752

COLLATION: pp. 421-424.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 114; *Evans*, No. 6875; *Tower*, No. 282.

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Contains the act for erecting the township of Danvers.

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172. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1752. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Concord . . . upon Wednesday the twenty- | seventh Day of May 1752. And continued . . . to Wed- | nesday the twenty-second Day of November following, and then met | at Cambridge. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheet.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T. Green . . . | . . . 1753

COLLATION: pp. 431-432.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 117; *Evans*, No. 7047; *Tower*, No. 285.

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Contains the acts for erecting the townships of Shirley and Southampton.

173. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1753. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and Held | at Concord . . . upon Wednesday the twenty- | seventh Day of May 1752. And continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the twenty-eighth of March following. | and then met at Boston. | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and | T. Green . . . | . . . 1753

COLLATION: pp. 433-438.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 117; *Evans*, No. 7048; *Tower*, No. 286.

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Contains the act for erecting the township of Groton.

174. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1753. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and held at Boston | . . . upon Wednesday the thirtieth Day of | May, 1753. | Small folio (12 by 8), sheets, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T. | Green . . . | . . . 1753

COLLATION: pp. 439-443, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 118; *Evans*, No. 7049; *Tower*, No. 287.

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This is the issue with "Greenfield a District," in headline on page 442.



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175. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1753. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court. . . | . . . Begun and held at | Boston . . . upon the thirtieth of May 1753 . . . | . . . continued . . . to Tuesday the fourth Day of Decem- | ber, 1753. | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed and Sold by S. Kneeland and T. Green . . . | . . . 1754

COLLATION: pp. 447-452.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 121; *Evans*, No. 7241; *Tower*, No. 289.

COPIES LOCATED: B. A.; B. P.; L. C.; H. C.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; M. H. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S. (pp. 447-450).

Contains acts for incorporating the Marine-Society, and erecting the Districts of Granville and Montague.

176. MASSACHUSETTS. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1755. Temporary | Acts and Laws | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massa- chusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), three-quarter cardinal crushed levant morocco, gilt back, top corner of title-page repaired, stencilled stamp partly removed from title, slight stain on leaves of table. In cloth slip-case.  
Boston, N. E. | Printed by Order of His Excellency the Govern- our, | Council and House of Representatives: | And Sold by S. Kneeland in Queen-Street. | 1755

RARE ISSUE.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso, authorization for printing; Table, pp. 4 (should be 8); 2 blank leaves inserted; Acts, pp. 166, one blank leaf inserted.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 125; *Tower*, No. 401; *Evans*, No. 7467.

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Contains Laws covering dates from May 26, 1736 to March 31, 1755.

The Acts contain among others, those relating to the Boundary between New York and Massachusetts, the French Encroachments, the building of a Fort at Kennebeck River, Trade with the Indians, etc.

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177. MASSACHUSETTS. ACTS AND LAWS, 1759. The | Charter |  
Granted by their Majesties | King William | and | Queen Mary, |  
to the | Inhabitants | of the | Province | of the | Massachusetts-  
Bay | in | New-England. |

ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massa-  
chusetts-Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] |

The two volumes in one, small folio (11¾ by 7½), rebound in  
calf, signature on title and fly-leaf.

Boston, in New-England: | Printed by S. Kneeland, by Order  
of His Excellency the | Governor, Council and House of Repre-  
sentatives. | MDCCLIX. [1759]

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 1-12;  
Explanation to Charter, pp. 13-14; Table, pp. 24; Title to Laws, one leaf,  
verso, authorization for printing; Acts, pp. 396 (pp. 323-324 are dropt by the  
printer, the signature is complete without same).

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 146; *Tower*, No. 311; *Evans*, Nos.  
8400 and 8399.

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N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.;  
C. H. S.; C. U.

This issue covers the Acts and Laws from 1692 to 1757, inclusive. The  
Index to this copy has manuscript additions to later laws, in the autograph  
of Shearjab Bourne, whose signature appears on fly-leaf in several places accom-  
panied by dates of 1765, 1769 and 1776.

178. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
| Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the Twenty-  
sixth Day of May, 1756. And continued . . . | to the sixth  
Day of January following, and then met. | Small folio (11¼ by  
7½), sheets.

[No colophon. Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland, 1761]

COLLATION: pp. 411-414.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 153; *Tower*, No. 314; *Evans*, No.  
8915.

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S. L. M.; H. S. P.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.; M. H. S.

This session was not printed until after the May Session, 1761.

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179. MASSACHUSETTS. MARCH SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.] |  
An Act, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and | held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-eighth  
Day of May, | 1760. And continued . . . until Wednesday  
the | twenty-fifth of March following, and then met. | Small  
folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . .  
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COLLATION: pp. 397-403, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 152; *Tower*, No. 312; *Evans*, No.  
8913.

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N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.

180. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.] | Acts  
and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . .  
Begun and | held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-  
seventh Day of May, | 1761. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . .

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COLLATION: pp. 405-409, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 152; *Tower*, No. 313; *Evans*, No.  
8914.

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N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.

Contains the act for erecting the township of Great-Barrington.

181. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1761. [Royal Arms.]  
| Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . .  
| | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-  
seventh | Day of May, 1761. and continued . . . | unto Thurs-  
day the twelfth Day of November following, and | then met. |  
Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston N E: | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | |  
M,DCC,LXI. [1761]

COLLATION: 415-418.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 153; *Tower*, No. 315; *Evans*, No.  
8916.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. S. P.; B. P.; H. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.;  
H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.

Contains the act for erecting Ware-River Parish.



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182. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of May, 1761. and continued . . . | unto Wednesday the thirteenth Day of January following, | and then met. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

COLLATION: pp. 419-429, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 154; *Tower*, No. 316; *Evans*, No. 9173.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. S. P.; B. A.; B. P.; L. C.; H. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.

Contains the act for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians; also acts for erecting the townships of Sandisfield, Bernardston, Templetown, Tyringham, Natick, and Athol.

183. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-seventh Day of May, 1761, and continued . . . | unto Wednesday the fourteenth Day of April following and | then met. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheet.

[Colophon.] Boston: N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

COLLATION: pp. 430-431, for 431-432.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 155; *Tower*, No. 317; *Evans*, No. 9174.

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184. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth | Day of May, 1762. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

COLLATION: pp. 433-436.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 155; *Tower*, No. 318; *Evans*, No. 9175.

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Contains the acts for incorporating the towns of Windham, Chesterfield, Oakham, and Pepperellborough.

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185. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1762. [Royal Arms.]  
| Acts and Laws, | Passed by Great and General Court . . . |  
| Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth |  
| Day of May, 1762. And continued . . . to Wed- | nesday the  
| eighth of September following, and then met. | Small folio  
(11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston, N. E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . |  
M,DCC,LXII. [1762]

COLLATION: pp. 437-439, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 156; *Tower*, No. 319; *Evans*, No. 9176.

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Contains the acts for erecting the townships of South-Brimfield and Bowdoinham.

186. MASSACHUSETTS. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1763. Temporary | Acts  
and Laws | Of His Majesty's | Province | of the | Massachusetts-  
Bay | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{2}$  by  
7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half red crushed levant morocco, lettered.  
Boston; New-England: | Printed by Order of His Excellency  
the Governor, | Council and House of Representatives: | And  
Sold by Green and Russell in Queen-Street. | MDCCLXIII. |  
[1763]

FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY OF THIS RARE ISSUE, A FEW MARGINS UNCUT.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso, authorization for printing; Table pp. x; Note ordering certain Acts to be left out, one leaf, verso blank; one blank leaf inserted; Titles to Acts, viii; Laws, pp. 1-139, verso of last blank, 141-179, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 157; *Tower*, No. 437; *Evans*, No. 9430.

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These Laws cover dates from May 26, 1736 to January 12, 1763, inclusive, and include among others, those relating to trade with the Indians.

Inscription on title,—*For Mr. Wolcott, 1764.*

The Royal Arms appear also at top of page 141, before December, 1760 session.

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187. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1763. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and | held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-sixth Day of May, | 1762. and continued . . . to Wednesday the twelfth | of January following, and then met. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston, N.E. Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . . 1763

COLLATION: pp. 441-444.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 157; *Tower*, No. 320; *Evans*, No. 9428.

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Contains the act for incorporating the township of Warwick.

188. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1763. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty- | fifth Day of May, 1763. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston: N.E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | | M,DCC,LXIII. [1763]

COLLATION: pp. 445-450.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 158; *Tower*, No. 321; *Evans*, No. 9429.

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Contains the acts for incorporating the towns of Wilbraham and Wellfleet.

189. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1763. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | | Begun and held at Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty-fifth | Day of May 1763, and continued . . . to Wed- | nesday the twenty-second Day of December next, and then met. | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets. [Colophon.] Boston, N.E. | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | | M,DCC,LXIV. [1764]

COLLATION: pp. 451-455, one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 159; *Tower*, No. 322; *Evans*, No. 9721.

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Contains the acts for erecting the towns of Newbury-Port, Topsham and Fitchburg.



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190. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1764. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun | and held at Concord, upon Wednesday the thirtieth Day of | May, 1764. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . . MDCCLXIV. [1764]

COLLATION: pp. 457-458.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 159; *Tower*, No. 323; *Evans*, No.

9722.

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Contains act for erecting the town of Winchendon.

191. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY[?] SESSION, 1764. [Royal Arms.] | An Act of Parliament, | Passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His Majesty | King George the Second. 1733. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.  
[No colophon. Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland, 1764]

COLLATION: pp. 459-477, one blank, numbered as follows, 459, 160, 161, 164, 463-470, 469-477.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 161; *Tower*, No. 324; *Evans*, No. 9723.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. S. P.; B. A.; L. C.; H. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. H. S.

Contains the Act for "Encouraging the Trade of the British Sugar Colonies in America."

On page 464, is "An Act of Parliament, passed in the | Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King | George the Third. 1764. |" granting certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, better known as the Stamp Act.

This is the issue with the ornamental "W" in "Whereas" on first page.

192. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1764. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | | Begun and held at Concord, upon Wednesday the thirtieth Day | of May, 1764. And continued . . . to | Thursday the eighteenth Day of October following, and then | met at Boston. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by S. Kneeland . . . | . . . 1764

COLLATION: pp. 479-480.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 325; *Evans*, No. 9724.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. S. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P. (Imperfect).

Contains the acts for erecting the townships of Gorham and Boothby.

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193. MASSACHUSETTS. HOUSE JOURNAL, 1764. Journal | Of the Honourable House of | Representatives, | Of His Majesty's Province of the | Massachusetts-Bay, | in | New-England, | Begun and held at Concord, in the County of Mid- | dlesex, on Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May, | Annoque Domini, 1764. | [Royal Arms.] | [ALSO] Votes | Of the Honorable House of Representatives. Folio (12½ by 7½), new boards, uncut.  
Boston: N.E. | Printed by Green and Russell . . . |  
M,DCCLXIV. [1764]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Journal, pp. 3-21, verso of last blank; Votes, June 4 to 9, 1764, pp. 23-58; Votes, June 11 to 15, pp. 59-91, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford*, Page 76; *Evans*, No. 9732.

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194. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1765. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
| . . . Begun and held at Concord | . . . upon Wednesday the  
| Thirtieth Day of May, 1764 . . . | continued . . . to Wednes-  
day the | Ninth Day of January following, and then met at |  
Boston in the County of Suffolk. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼),  
sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston; New-England: | Printed by Richard and  
Samuel Draper . . . | . . . 1765

COLLATION: pp. 481-489, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 163; *Evans*, No. 10052; *Tower*, No. 326.

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Contains the acts for erecting the towns of Royalston and Ashburnham.

195. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1765. [Royal Arms.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
| . . . Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . upon Wednesday  
the Twenty- | ninth Day of May, 1765. | Small folio (11¾ by  
7¼), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Richard and Samuel Draper  
. . . | . . . 1765

COLLATION: pp. 491-497, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 165; *Evans*, No. 10053; *Tower*, No. 327.

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Contains act for erecting the townships of Bristol, Williamstown, Richmond, Becket, Lanesborough, Charlemont, and Ashfield.

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### MASSACHUSETTS

196. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1766. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
| . . . Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . upon Wednesday  
the Twenty- | ninth Day of May, 1765; and continued . . . |  
. . . unto Wednesday the fifteenth Day of | January, 1766, and  
then met. Small folio (11¾ by 7), sheets.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Richard and Samuel Draper  
. . . | . . . 1766

COLLATION: pp. 501-503, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 167; *Evans*, No. 10370; *Tower*, No. 329.

COPIES LOCATED: B. P.; L. C.; H. C.; N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. H. S.; M. H. S.

197. MASSACHUSETTS. DECEMBER SESSION, 1767. [Royal Arms.] |  
Acts and Laws, | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . |  
| . . . begun and held at Boston, the Twenty- | seventh Day  
of May 1767, and continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the 30th  
of De- | cember following, and then met. Small folio (13¾ by  
8¼), sheets, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston; New-England, | Printed by Richard Draper,  
and Green & Russell, Printers | to the Government, 1768

COLLATION: pp. 543-548.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 172; *Evans*, No. 10959; *Tower*, No. 336.

COPIES LOCATED: B. P.; L. C.; H. C.; N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. H. S.; M. H. S.

198. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1769. | [Royal Arms.] | An  
Act | Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun  
and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Thirty-first  
Day of May, 1769. | Folio (13⅝ by 8½), sewed, uncut, last  
leaf torn into, without loss of text.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Richard | Draper, and Green and  
Russell | Printers to the Government, 1769

COLLATION: 13 pages, numbered, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8, and one blank.

REFERENCES: *Ford and Matthews*, Page 173; *Evans*, No. 11328; *Tower*, No. 507.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P. (Imperfect).

Contains the "Act for appropriating and assessing a Tax of Thirty Thousand Pounds."



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199. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1781. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and |  
held at Boston . . . on Wed- | nesday the Twenty-fifth Day  
of October, A.D. 1780; | . . . continued . . . to Wed- | nesday  
the Eleventh Day of April, 1781, and then | met. | Small folio  
(11¼ by 7½), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXI. [1781]

COLLATION: pp. 51-74.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17213.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.

The last act passed is that for May 18, 1781.

200. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1781. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . begun and  
held | at Boston . . . on Wednesday | the Twenty-eighth Day  
of May, A.D. 1781. | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXI. [1781]

COLLATION: pp. 75-85, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17214.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for July 6, 1781.

201. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1782. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun | and  
held at Boston . . . on | Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of  
May, A.D. 1781; | . . . continued . . . to | Wednesday the Six-  
teenth Day of January 1782; | and then met. | Small folio  
(11¼ by 7½), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXII. [1782]

COLLATION: pp. 109-121, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17589.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the act for establishing a National Bank.

The last act passed is that for March 8, 1782.

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202. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1782. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and  
| held at Boston . . . on Wed- | nesday the Thirtieth of May,  
A.D. 1781; and | . . . continued . . . to Wednes- | day the  
Eleventh Day of April, 1782, and then met. | Small folio (11¼  
by 7½), sewed.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXII. [1782]

COLLATION: pp. 123-131, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17590.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
M. H. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for May 9, 1782.

203. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1782. Acts and Laws, |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and  
held | at Boston . . . on Wednesday | the Twenty-ninth Day  
of May, 1782. | Small folio (11⅜ by 7⅝), sewed, figures in ink  
on some margins.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes and Sons, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXII. [1782]

COLLATION: pp. 133-163, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 17591.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.;  
N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the act relative to "the Springfield Lands Incorporated."

The last act passed is that for May 4, 1782.

204. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1783. Acts and Laws |  
Passed by the Great and General Court . . . | . . . Begun and  
held | at Boston . . . Wednesday the | Twenty-ninth Day of  
May, A.D. 1782; . . . | . . . continued . . . to Wednesday |  
the Twenty-ninth Day of January following, and | then met. |  
Small folio (11⅜ by 7⅝), sewed.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Benjamin Edes & Sons, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXIII. [1783]

COLLATION: pp. 207-245, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18022.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.;  
M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the act for "apprehending and securing Deserters from the Con-  
tinental Army."

The last act passed is that for March 25, 1783.

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205. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1784. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Twenty- | Eighth Day of May . . . 1783; | . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the Twenty-First Day of January, 1784, and then met. | Folio ( $14\frac{1}{8}$  by  $8\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut. [Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXIV. [1784]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 49-129, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18588.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains acts for establishing a Bank in the state; Incorporating the Marine Society at Salem; appointing Commission on Boundary Line between New York and Massachusetts; Incorporating the Academy of Leicester, etc.

The last act passed is that for March 23, 1784.

206. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1784. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Twenty-Sixth | Day of May . . . 1784. | Folio ( $13\frac{5}{8}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams & Nourse, || M,DCC,LXXXIV. [1784]

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COLLATION: pp. 131-196.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18589.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; M. H. S.

Contains the act relative to the Commissioners on the Boundary line between New York and Massachusetts.

The last act passed is that for July 9, 1784.

207. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1784. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . on Wednesday the Twenty-Sixth | Day of May . . . 1784; and | . . . continued . . . | to Wednesday the Thirteenth Day of | October following. | Folio ( $13\frac{1}{4}$  by  $8\frac{3}{8}$ ), boards, uncut. [Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams & Nourse, || [1784]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 197-218.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18590.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains the act relative to the incorporation of *Derby School* in Hingham.

The last act passed is that for November 13, 1784.



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208. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1785. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the 25th Day of May, A.D. 1785; | . . . continued . . . to | Wednesday the 19th Day of October following. | Folio (12 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams & Nourse, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXV. [1785]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 314-342, verso of last blank. Odd numbers on left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19080.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for November 30, 1785.

209. MASSACHUSETTS. SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1786. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1786 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of September following. | Folio (12 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXVI [1786]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 487-545 [544]; there are two pages numbered 526, after which the odd numbers are on the left-hand pages.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19780.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains the act confirming the Treaty with the Penobscot Indians.

The last act is that passed November 17, 1786.

210. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1786 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the | thirty-first Day of January, 1787. | Folio (12 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, | |  
M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

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COLLATION: pp. 546-627; the odd numbers are on the left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20496.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for February 14, 1787.

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211. MASSACHUSETTS. APRIL SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1786 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the | twenty-fifth Day of April 1787. | Small folio (11 by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

COLLATION: pp. 628–630, verso of last blank; the odd numbers are on left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20497.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for May 1, 1787.

212. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1787. | Folio (13 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, |||  
M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

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COLLATION: pp. 632–644, verso of last blank; the odd numbers are on left-hand pages.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20498.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

213. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1787. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1787 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the seventeenth Day of | October following. | Folio (13 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, ||  
M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

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COLLATION: pp. 646–665; the odd numbers are on the left-hand pages.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20499.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for November 21, 1787.

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### MASSACHUSETTS

214. MASSACHUSETTS. PERPETUAL LAWS, 1788. The | Perpetual Laws, | of the | Commonwealth | of | Massachusetts, | from the | Establishment of its Constitution | to the First | Session of the General Court, A.D. 1788. | Compiled, Arranged and Printed | To the Wishes of many respectable Law Characters, and | the Approbation of the Honourable Judges of the | Supreme Judicial Court. | Carefully Compared with the Original Acts. |||| 8vo (7½ by 4⅝), rebound in calf, slight stain on few corners. Printed at Worcester, by Isaiah Thomas, | MDCCLXXXVIII. [1788]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Certificate of Comparison, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, 2pp.; Constitution, pp. 5-20; Statutes, pp. 21-344; Appendix, pp. 345-364; Index, pp. 365-380, last nine pages (381-389) missing.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 231; *Sabin*, No. 45932; *Evans*, No. 21245.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. C.; J. C. B.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; M. H. S.; B. L.; N. Y. P.

215. MASSACHUSETTS. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1788. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the thirty-first Day of May . . . | . . . 1787 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the Twenty-seventh Day of | February following. | Folio (13½ by 8¼), sewed, uncut, slight stain on some margins.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, ||| M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

COLLATION: pp. 662-693; odd numbers are on left-hand pages. No page numbers are dropped as stated by Evans.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21233.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for March 31, 1788.

Contains an act preventing slave trade.

216. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1788. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the twenty-eighth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1788. | Folio (13½ by 8½), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, | M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

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COLLATION: pp. 694-715.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21234.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for June 20, 1788.



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217. MASSACHUSETTS. HOUSE RESOLVE, 1783. Commonwealth of Massachusetts. | In the House of Representatives, July 11, 1783. | [Text of Resolution.] | Commonwealth of Massachusetts. | In Senate, June 5, 1788. | [Text of Resolution.] Commonwealth of Massachusetts. | Secretary's Office, Boston, June 11, 1788. | [Text of letter transmitting Resolutions, signed in the autograph of John Avery, Secretary.] Folio, broadside.  
[Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, 1788]

This contains the Resolutions of the General Court of Massachusetts in relation to the return of bounties paid to soldiers during the American Revolutionary War.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21241. No copy located.

218. MASSACHUSETTS. OCTOBER SESSION, 1788. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of May . . . | . . . 1788 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the Twenty-ninth Day of | October following. | Folio (13½ by 8½), sewed, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Adams and Nourse, | | M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

COLLATION: pp. 716-722, verso of last blank; the odd numbers are on left-hand page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21235.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; M. H. S.

The last act passed is that for November 22, 1788.

219. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1789. [General Title-page.] Laws | of the Commonwealth | of | Massachusetts. | Passed by the General Court: | Begun and holden at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on Wed- | nesday the Twenty-Seventh of May, Anno Domini, 1789. | Volume II. | Folio (13¾ by 8½), original wrappers, uncut, writing in ink on title, some pages stained.  
Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, | | M,DCC,LXXXIX.  
[1789]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, with regular caption, pp. 3-32.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, Nos. 21944 and 21945.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for June 25, 1789.

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220. MASSACHUSETTS. PERPETUAL LAWS, 1789. The | Perpetual Laws | of the | Commonwealth | of | Massachusetts, | From the Commencement of the Constitution, | in October, 1780, | To the Last Wednesday in May, 1789. | To which are Prefixed, | The Declaration of Independence, the Articles | of Confederation, the Constitution of the | Commonwealth, the Treaty of Peace, between | Great-Britain and America, and the Constitu- | tion of the United States. | Published by Order of the General Court. | [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Folio ( $12\frac{3}{8}$  by  $7\frac{5}{8}$ ), original sheep and leather labels.

Boston: | Printed by Adams and Nourse, | Printers to the Honourable General Court. | M,DCC,LXXXIX. | [1789]

FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY, A FEW LEAVES SHOW UNCUT EDGES.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; In Congress, July 4, 1776, Declaration, 4pp.; Articles of Confederation, pp. 3-7, verso of last blank; Constitution of Massachusetts, pp. 9-27, verso of last blank; Definitive Treaty, pp. 29-34; Constitution of the United States, pp. 35-48; Laws, pp. 1-495, verso of last blank; Index, pp. vi.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 232; *Sabin*, No. 45932; *Tower*, No. 350; *Evans*, No. 21948.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; A. A. S.; H. S. P.; L. C.; M. H. S.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; C. H. S.

221. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1790. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court | of Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-seventh Day of May . . . | . . . 1789 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the thirteenth of January | following. | Small folio (12 by 8), sewed.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Thomas Adams, | | [1790]

COLLATION: pp. 33-74.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22650.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for March 9, 1790.

222. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1790. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1790. | Folio ( $13\frac{1}{2}$  by  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ), original wrappers, uncut, slight stain on margins.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Thomas Adams, | | [1790]

COLLATION: pp. 75-87, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22651.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; M. H. S.; C. U.

Contains the "Act to set off to the Patentees and other Purchases, certain Lands on the Island of Chapequiddick, in the County of Dukes-County, and finally to adjust and determine all disputes between said Patentees and other Purchasers, and the Indians on said Island."

The last act passed is that for June 24, 1790.

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223. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1791. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts; | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-sixth Day of May . . . | . . . 1790 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday the Twenty-eighth | Day of January following. | Folio (12 by 8), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Thomas Adams . . . | | M,DCC,XCI. [1791]

COLLATION: pp. 75-105, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23548, where pages are given as pp. 89-105.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M. (wrongly paged); L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Humane Society of Massachusetts*, and *Hallowell Academy*.

The last act passed is that for March 11, 1791.

224. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1791. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday the Twenty-fifth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1791. | Folio (13½ by 8½), original wrappers, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Thomas Adams . . . | . . . 1791

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COLLATION: pp. 107-120.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23547.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

Contains the act for establishing the Boundary Line between Brookfield and New-Braintree.

The last act passed is that for June 18, 1791.

225. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1792. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts. | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the Eleventh Day of January, Anno | Domini, 1792. | Folio (12 by 8), sewed.  
[Colophon.] Printed in Boston, | At the State Press, by Thomas Adams, | | M,DCC,XCII. | [1792]

COLLATION: pp. 121-189, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24516.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Academy of Fryeburg*, *The Massachusetts Society for the Promoting of Agriculture*, and *Washington Academy* in Machias.

The last act passed is that for March 9, 1792.



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226. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1792. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts. | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May, Anno | Domini, 1792. | Small folio (10¼ by 7), sewed.

[Colophon.] Printed in Boston, Massachusetts: | At the State Press, by Thomas Adams, | | 1792

COLLATION: pp. 191-222.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24517.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Society in Rehoboth*, the *Union Bank*, and *Joseph Storer* for a better Harbour in *Mousom-River*.

The last act passed is that for June 29, 1792.

227. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1792. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts. | Begun and held at Boston . . . | on Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May . . . | . . . 1792 . . . continued . . . | . . . to Wednesday, the Se- | cond Day of November, at Concord, in the Coun- | ty of Middlesex. | Folio (14 by 9), sheets, uncut, slight tear at corner of first leaf.

[Colophon.] Boston: Printed by Thomas Adams. | [1792]

COLLATION: pp. 223-230.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24518.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains the act for ascertaining the Boundary Line between Franklin and Medway; also the act for incorporating the *Marblehead Academy*.

The last act passed is that for November 17, 1792.

228. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1794. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of | May, Anno Domini, 1794. | Folio (14 by 8½), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: (Massachusetts) | Printed at the State-Press, by Adams and Larkin, | | M,DCC,XIV. [1794]

COLLATION: pp. 405-434.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act for incorporating *Bowdoin College*.

The last act passed is that for June 26, 1794.

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229. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1795. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the Twenty-eighth | Day of May . . . 1794 . . . | . . . continued . . . to Wednes- | day, the Fourteenth Day of January, 1795. | Folio (15 by 9), sewed, uncut, manuscript index on first margin. [Colophon.] Boston (Massachusetts:) | Printed at the State Press, by Adams and Larkin, | | M,DCC,XCV. [1795]

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COLLATION: pp. 435-491, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act for establishing the *New Salem Academy*.

The last act passed is that for February 28, 1795.

230. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1795. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of May, Anno Domini, 1795. | Folio (14½ by 9), original wrappers, uncut, slightly stained. [Colophon.] Boston, (Massachusetts) | Printed at the State-Press, by Adams and Larkin, | | 1795

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COLLATION: pp. 493-521, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the acts for incorporating the *Massachusetts Fire Insurance Company*, *The Massachusetts Society for the Aid of Emigrants*, *The Proprietors of the Cumberland Canal*, and the *Falmouth Canal*.

The last act passed is that for June 25, 1795.

231. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1796. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . Wednesday the twenty-seventh | Day of May . . . 1795 . . . | . . . continued . . . to Wednes- | day the Thirtieth day of January following. | Folio (14½ by 9¼), sheets, uncut, few margins slightly mouse eaten. [Colophon.] Printed at the State Press by Adams & Larkin, 1796. [Boston]

COLLATION: pp. 523-582.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for February 27, 1796.

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232. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1796. [General Title.] Laws  
| of the | Commonwealth of Massachusetts, | Passed at | Several  
Sessions | of the | General Court, | Holden in Boston. | Vol. III.  
[Arms of Massachusetts.] | [The twenty-fifth of May, 1796.]  
Folio (14¼ by 9), original wrappers, uncut.

Boston—(Massachusetts)— | Printed by Young and Minns, | |  
[1796]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 3–23, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;  
A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act relative to the *Western and Palmer Turnpike Gate*.

The last act passed is that for June 18, 1796.

233. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1797. [Arms of Massa-  
chusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of |  
Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Wednesday,  
the twenty-fifth Day of January, Anno Dom- | ini, 1797. |  
Folio (14¼ by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1797]

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COLLATION: pp. 41–120.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;  
A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts incorporating the *Deerfield Academy*, the establishing of a  
Turnpike Gate at Hoosuck Mountains, incorporating the *Massachusetts Turn-  
pike Corporation*, etc.

The last act passed is that for March 11, 1797.

234. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1797. [Arms of Massachu-  
setts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of |  
Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | Tuesday, the  
thirty-first Day of May . . . 1797. | Folio (13¾ by 8¾), sewed,  
uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1797]

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COLLATION: pp. 121–154, one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;  
A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

There is a long act relative to the spreading of Contagious Sickness.

The last act passed is that for June 23, 1797.



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235. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1798. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | Begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the tenth Day of January . . . 1798. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut. [Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1798]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 155-206.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

Contains act incorporating the *Massachusetts Mutual Fire Insurance Company*.

The last act passed is that for March 3, 1798.

236. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1798. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the thirteenth [thirtieth] day of May, and | ended on Friday the twenty-ninth day of June . . . | . . . 1798. Folio (13½ by 9), sewed, uncut. [Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1798]

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COLLATION: pp. 207-236 (wrongly numbered 136), and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act relative to the cession of Castle Island to the United States.

237. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1799. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the tenth day of January . . . | . . . 1799. Folio (14 by 9), original wrappers, uncut, index, in manuscript on first page. [Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns . . . [1799]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 237-294, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the acts relative to the incorporation of *The Boston Marine Insurance Company*; the *Wilmington Turnpike*, etc.

The last act passed is that for March 1, 1799.

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238. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1799. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court of | Massachusetts: | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-ninth day of May . . . | . . . 1799. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: Massachusetts: | Printed by Young and Minns . . . | | [1799]

LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 295-339, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts incorporating the *Newbury-port Marine Insurance Company*, Boston and Salem Boards of Health, etc.

The last act passed is that for June 22, 1799.

239. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1800. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws. | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the eighth of January . . . | . . . 1800. Folio (14½ by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Boston: Printed by Young & Minns, 1800]

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COLLATION: pp. 341-410, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act incorporating *The Maine Fire and Marine Insurance Company*.

The last act passed is that for March 4, 1800.

240. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1800. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-eighth day of May, | . . . 1800. | Folio (14¼ by 8⅞), sewed, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young and Minns, | | [1800]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 411-438.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains act establishing the *Tenth Massachusetts Turnpike Corporation*.

The last act passed is that for June 17, 1800.

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241. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1800. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws. | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the eleventh day of November, | . . . 1800. Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sheets, uncut.

[Boston: Printed by Young and Minns, 1800]

COLLATION: pp. 439-441, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for November 15, 1800.

242. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1801. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws. | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the eighteenth day of January, | . . . 1801.

[Boston: Printed by Young and Minns, 1801]

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COLLATION: pp. 443-482.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act establishing the *Nantucket Academy*.

The last act passed is that for March 7, 1801.

243. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1801. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-seventh | day of May . . . 1801. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, some leaves uncut, slight stained. [Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young and Minns . . . [1801]

COLLATION: pp. 483-518.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act authorizing the Proprietors of the *Third Turnpike Road in New-Hampshire*, to extend the same to Townsend.

The last act passed is that for June 19, 1801.



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244. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1802. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the fourteenth | day of January . . . 1802. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Boston: Printed by Young and Minns, 1802]

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COLLATION: pp. 519-584.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 206.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act incorporating the *Salem Turnpike*.

The last act passed is that for March 11, 1802.

245. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1802. [General Title.] Laws | of the | Commonwealth of Massachusetts, | Passed at | Several Sessions | of the | General Court, | Holden in Boston. | Vol. IV. | [Arms of Massachusetts.] | [Session for May, 1802.] Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.  
Boston—Massachusetts— | Printed by Young and Minns, | | [1802]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-48.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts relative to the Turnpike Roads in Camden and Scarborough.

The last act passed is that for June 24, 1802.

246. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1803. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the thirteenth | day of January . . . 1803. | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 9), original wrappers, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, | | [1803]

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COLLATION: pp. 49-234, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

Among the acts are various ones relating to Turnpike roads throughout the state.

The last act passed is that for March 8, 1803.

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247. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1803. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the twenty-fifth day of May, | . . . 1803. | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 9), sewed, uncut, one leaf torn into, without loss of text.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, | | [1803]

LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 235-324, and one blank leaf containing manuscript Index.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;

A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains acts relating to various Turnpike roads, etc.

The last act passed is that for June 23, 1803.

248. MASSACHUSETTS. JANUARY SESSION, 1804. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held . . . | . . . the twelfth Day of Janu- | ary . . . 1804. | Folio (14 by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, | | [1804]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 325-496.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;

A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for March 9, 1804.

249. MASSACHUSETTS. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1804. [Arms of Massachusetts.] | Acts and Laws, | Passed by the | General Court of Massachusetts, | At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the fifteenth day of Novem- | ber . . . 1804. | [ALSO] . . . At the Session begun and held at Boston . . . | . . . the seventeenth of Janua- | ry . . . 1805. | The two sessions in one vol. folio (14 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 9), original wrappers, uncut.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by Young & Minns, | | [1805]

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COLLATION: November Session, 1804, pp. 543-545, verso of last blank; January Session, pp. 547-697, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.;

A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for March 16, 1805.

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250. MASSACHUSETTS. MAY SESSION, 1805. [General Title.] Laws | of the | Commonwealth of Massachusetts, | Passed at | Several Sessions | of the | General Court, | Holden in Boston. | Vol. V. | [Arms of Massachusetts.] | [May Session, 1805.] Folio (14 by 9), original wrappers, uncut.

Boston-Massachusetts, | Printed by Young and Minns, | | [1805]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-29, verso of last blank, and one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 207.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; M. H. S.; C. U.; A. A. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for June 15, 1805.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

251. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1716. Acts | and | Laws, | Passed by the | General Court | or | Assembly | Of His Majesties | Province | of | New-Hampshire | in | New-England. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 1/2 by 7 1/4), original sheep.

Boston in New-England: | Printed by B. Green: Sold by Eleazar Russel | at his Shop in Portsmouth. 1716

[See Illustration]

ORIGINAL ISSUE OF THE SECOND COMPILATION OF LAWS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. The title-page is in exact photostat facsimile, as is to be expected, some of the margins are soiled.

COLLATION: Title (in photostat), one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. iv. (this is the second issue, the first leaf is somewhat imperfect and the second has margin torn into); Acts (Original Issue), pp. 1-59, verso of last blank; blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 542; *Sabin*, No. 52781; *Evans*, No. 1842.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; H. S. P.; M. H. S.; N. Y. P. (2 copies); S. L. M.; N. H. H. S.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.

The "Table" is not the original, but the one printed with the Session Laws of 1718, and contains a list of the additional laws covering the same.

The last blank leaf is original. On both blank leaves are several signatures in ink, including those of, Abra. Perk, David Lawrence, Jonathan Smith, 1789, and Jonathan Norris, 1745. Laid in is the original document relative to the publication of these Laws; this is a one-page manuscript document in the autograph of Samuel Kevis, Clerk of the House of Representatives of New Hampshire, dated, May 15, 1711, relative to the appointment of a Committee to Revise the Laws.

This volume was for a long time supposed to be the first printed Laws of New Hampshire, but in 1888 a pamphlet, containing five Acts, passed at a Session in August, 1699, and printed at Boston in the same year, was discovered by Dr. George H. Moore. As the 1699 issue however contains only the Laws for the session of August for that year, it would seem that the present edition, 1716, would still have to be regarded as the first printed collection of New Hampshire Laws.

A census of the fourteen copies located shows 12 of them without the title-page.



ACTS  
AND  
LAWS,  
Passed by the  
General Court  
OR  
ASSEMBLY  
Of His Majesties  
PROVINCE  
OF  
New-Hampshire  
IN  
New-England.\*



Boston in New England :  
Printed by B. Green : Sold by Eleazar Ruffet  
at his Shop in Portsmouth. 1712.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE

252. NEW HAMPSHIRE. MAY SESSION, 1718. [Royal Arms, above which are the two lines of the usual caption.] Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court or Assembly of the Province of | New-Hampshire in New-England: Begun and Held at Portsmouth, | the 13th Day of May, 1718. | Small folio (11½ by 7¼), sheets, tear in two leaves, no text missing, and as is to be expected, some leaves soiled, a blank portion of last leaf torn off.

[Colophon.] Boston: | Printed by B. Green, . . . | 1718

COLLATION: pp. 61-131, verso of last blank. The Index, which was printed with this Session, is included in preceding item.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 543; *Evans*, No. 1985.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; H. L. S.; M. H. S.; B. A. N. Y.

Pages 91 to 98 contain the act for Regulating the Militia.

253. NEW HAMPSHIRE. MAY SESSION, 1719. [Royal Arms, with the usual two lines above.] Acts and Laws, | Passed by the General Court or Assembly of His Majesties Province | of New-Hampshire in New-England: Begun and Held at Portsmouth, | on the Second Day of May, 1719. | Small folio (11½ by 7¼), sheets, slight tears in first and last leaf, a few letters damaged on last, the last two leaves (pp. 153-156) are missing.

[Boston: Printed by B. Green, 1719]

COLLATION: pp. 133-152.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; H. L. S.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.

Contains among other acts, those relating to the Militia and Purchases from the Indians.

254. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1761. Acts | and | Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire, | in | New-England. | With sundry Acts of Parliament. | By Order of the Governor, | Council and Assembly, | Pass'd October 16th. 1759. | Small folio (12¾ by 7¾), original marbled wrappers, uncut.

Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel Fowle. | 1761.

SPLENDID COPY, IN THE ORIGINAL WRAPPERS, AS ISSUED, ENTIRELY UNCUT, AND WITHOUT A BLEMISH." ONE OF THE FINEST COPIES EXTANT OF THIS COMPILATION, Known as "Fowle's First Edition". The title printed within an ornamented type-border.

COLLATION: Two blank end-papers; title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. xii; Laws, pp. 240; one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 8943, where the collation is given as pp. (2), xii, 252, the additional pages referring apparently to an additional Session Law, not printed with this issue; Not in Sabin or *Tower*.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; S. L. M.; C. U.; B. A. N. Y.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

255. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1761. Acts | and | Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire, | In | New-England. | With Sundry Acts of Parliament. | By Order of the Governor, | Council and Assembly, | Pass'd October 16th. 1759. | Small folio (11¾ by 7), old calf, new leather label, a small piece torn from lower margin of title destroying date and part of type-border. Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel Fowle. [1761]

COLLATION: Same as preceding item, but without the blank leaves at end. On the fly-leaf is the signature of *Saml. Lane's Book, Stratham, Sept. 14th, 1761.*

256. NEW HAMPSHIRE. TEMPORARY LAWS, 1761. Temporary | Acts | and | Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire, | In | New-England. | By Order of the Governor, | Council and Assembly, | Pass'd October 16th. 1759. | Small folio (11¾ by 6¾), sheets.

Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel Fowle. | 1761 [Colophon,—1766]

VERY RARE. The title-page is similar to that in the First Edition of Fowle's Laws of New Hampshire, only slight changes being made in the border, the main set-up is changed to comply with the new contents, but the authorization by the governor and imprint are the same. The colophon shows that these laws were printed in 1766.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 28, the last with colophon,—Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire; | Printed and Sold by D. & R. Fowle, 1766.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 8945, where the pagination is given as pp. (2), 49, with the statement that the colophon is dated, 1768; Not in Tower or Sabin.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

257. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACT TO ESTABLISH FEES, 1768. [Laws of the Province] of New Hampshire. | Type-line.] Anno Regni Regis Tertii, . . . | | An Act | In Amendment of the Acts for establishing Fees | belonging to several Officers in this Province. | Small folio (11¾ by 6⅞), sheets.

[Colophon.] Portsmouth, New-Hampshire, | Printed and sold by D. and R. Fowle. 1768

COLLATION: pp. 39-49, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 10994.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.



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### NEW HAMPSHIRE

258. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1771. Acts and Laws | of | His Majesty's Province | of | New-Hampshire. | in | New-England. | With sundry Acts of Parliament. | By Order of the General Assembly. | To which is prefix'd the | Commissions | of | President Cuttss, Esq; | And His Excellency | John Wentworth, Esq; | Small folio (12 by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), half red morocco, top margin of title cut off above type border.  
Portsmouth, Printed by Daniel and Robert Fowle, | And Sold at their Office near the State-House. | 1771

FINE COPY OF FOWLE'S SECOND EDITION, WITH ADDITION OF TEMPORARY LAWS TO 1775. With two blank leaves at front.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Cuttss' Commission, pp. 6; Wentworth's Commission, pp. 8; Titles, pp. iv; Laws, pp. 1-272; Temporary Laws, pp. 1-51, verso of last blank; CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY LAWS, December 23, 1771-May 28, 1773, pp. 53-63, verso of last blank; Table, pp. xiii, verso of last blank. The 5pp. of the "Vice Admiral Commission" is not present.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 546, the continuation not mentioned; *Sabin*, Nos. 52782 and 52936; *Evans*, Nos. 12146 and 12880, the pagination of the continuation not cited by either of the latter. The "Continuation" in this copy slightly cut down.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; J. C. B.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

259. NEW HAMPSHIRE. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1778. State of New-Hampshire. | In the House of Representatives, | February 26th, 1778. [Text of Resolve.] | State of New-Hampshire. | To the Selectmen . . . | [Text of notification.] | Dated at Exeter the fourth day of March in the year of our | Lord, One thousand seven hundred and seventy eight. | Attest, | M. Weare, President. | Small folio (11 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8), broadside. In cloth folder, lettered. [Colophon]. Printed [by Robert Fowle] at the Printing-Office in Exeter. [1778]

[See Illustration]

AN EXCESSIVELY RARE NEW HAMPSHIRE BROADSIDE, CONTAINING THE RESOLVE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CALLING UPON THE INHABITANTS TO MEET AT A CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CONCORD FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT FOR THE STATE.

Unknown to Sabin and Evans. No copy recorded as sold at public sale in America.



STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.  
In the House of Representatives,  
February 26th, 1778.

**W**HEREAS the present situation of Affairs in this State, make it necessary that a full and free Representation of the Inhabitants thereof, should meet in Convention for the sole Purpose of forming and laying a permanent Plan or System of Government for the future Happiness and well-being of the good People of this State, and this House having received Instructions from a considerable part of their Constituents for that Purpose

**T**HEREFORE, VOTED AND RESOLVED,  
HAT the Honorable the PRESIDENT of the COUNCIL issue to every Town, Parish, and District, within this State, a Precept recommending to them to elect, and choose one, or more Persons as they shall judge expedient, to convene at Concord in said State on the tenth Day of June next, for the Purpose aforesaid, saving to the small Towns liberty to join two, or more together, if they see fit, to elect and send one Person to represent them in said Convention.

AND such System or Form of Government as may be agreed upon by such Convention, being printed, and sent to each and every Town, Parish and District in this State, for the Approbation of the People, which System, or Form of Government being approved of by three fourth Parts of the Inhabitants of this State in their respective Town Meetings legally called for that Purpose. And a Return of such Approbation being made to said Convention, and confirmed by them shall remain as a permanent System or Form of Government of this State, and not otherwise, and that the Charge and Expence of each Member of such Convention be defrayed by their respective Electors.

Sent up for Concurrence, JOHN DUDLEY, speaker, P. T.  
In COUNCIL, the same Day, read and concurred.

E. THOMPSON, sec'y.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

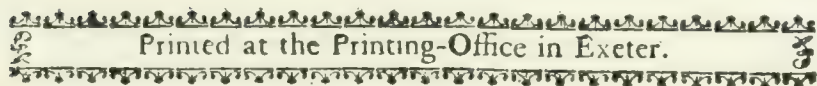
To the Selectmen of \_\_\_\_\_ in said State.  
GREETING.

**I**N Pursuance of the above Vote of the GENERAL-ASSEMBLY. ---  
It is hereby recommended to you to notify the legal Inhabitants paying Taxes in your Town, giving them fifteen Days notice to meet at some convenient Place for the Purpose of acting on the above Vote of the General-Assembly. And make return hereof with your Doings herein on the said tenth Day of June next to the said Convention.

Dated at EXETER the fourth Day of March in the Year of our LORD, One thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

Attest,

M. Weare, PRESIDENT.



Printed at the Printing-Office in Exeter.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE

260. NEW HAMPSHIRE. ACTS AND LAWS, 1780. Acts | and | Laws of the | State | of | New-Hampshire, | in | America. | By Order of the General Assembly. | To which is prefixed, the | Resolution of the American Congress, | For Establishing a Form of Government | In New-Hampshire; | and the | Resolve of the Provincial Congress, | For taking up Government in Form. | With the | Declaration | of | Independence. | Small folio (11¼ by 7½), rebound in new sheep.  
America: | Printed at Exeter, in the State of | New-Hampshire.  
M.DC.LXXX. [1780]

FINE AND COMPLETE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE, PRINTED BY ZECHARIAH FOWLE. With the autograph signature of *Josiah Bartlett's Book*, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Titles of Laws, pp. [3]-vi; In Congress, Nov. 3, 1775, p. [1]; In Congress, Jan. 5, 1776, pp. 2-4; Acts, pp. 1-182.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 52784, where the collation is given as pp. vi. 180; *Evans*, No. 16877, gives pp. 295, including laws to June 27, 1782.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; M. H. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. H. H. S.; N. H. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; C. U.; B. A. N. Y.

The Declaration of Independence occupies pp. 31-35. The Acts and Laws cover the years from 1776 to 1780, inclusive.

261. NEW HAMPSHIRE. PERPETUAL LAWS, 1789. The | Perpetual Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | from the | Session of the General-Court, July 1776, | to the | Session in December 1788, | Continued into the Present Year 1789, | Compiled and Arranged to the Wishes of | The Gentlemen of the Law, and under | the Direction of the General-Court. | Printed from attested copies of the original Acts. | [Line of quotation.] | 8vo(8½ by 5¼), original sheep and label.

Portsmouth: New-Hampshire, Printed by John | Melcher,  
M,DCC,LXXXIX. [1789]

FINE COPY OF THIS ISSUE, SOMETIMES CALLED "THE HORN BOOK." It is the first Compilation of New Hampshire Laws to be arranged alphabetically, by subjects, as well as one of the earliest examples of the official printing of laws in octavo size.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Report of Committee, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution of New Hampshire, pp. [9]-14; Form of Government, pp. [15]-31, verso of last blank; Statutes, pp. 33-244; Index, pp. 245-256.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 52892; *Evans*, No. 21997.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; M. H. S.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; C. U.



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### NEW HAMPSHIRE

262. NEW HAMPSHIRE. LAWS of 1792. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | together with | The Declaration of Independence: | the | Definitive Treaty of Peace | between the | United States of America | and his Britannic Majesty: | The Constitution of New-Hampshire, | and | The Constitution of the United States, | with its Proposed Amendments. | [Three lines of authorization for printing.] | 8vo (8¾ by 5¼), rebound in full sheep, a few edges at top slightly gnawed.

Portsmouth: Printed by John Melcher, | 1792

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Certificate for printing, one leaf, verso blank; 2 blank leaves; Declaration of Independence, pp. [9]-14; Treaty of Peace, pp. 15-21; Constitution of New Hampshire, pp. 22-46; Constitution of the United States, pp. 47-62; Laws, pp. 63-375, verso blank; Index, pp. [377]-396.

REFERENCES: *Sabin* No. 52843; *Evans* No. 24585.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; L. C.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; C. U.

This is the first real revision in New Hampshire. It was adopted at the Sessions of February and June, 1791, after having been reported by a commission. Most copies lack the two blank leaves before page 9 which this copy contains, this volume in its present state being probably unique.

263. NEW HAMPSHIRE. JUNE SESSION, 1792. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | Passed at a Session | of the | Honorable General-Court, | Begun and Holden at Dover, | June, 1792. | Printed from Attested Copies, and since collated with | the Originals in the Secretary's Office. | 8vo (9½ by 6), sewed, uncut, name on title.

Portsmouth: | Printed and sold by John Melcher, | 1792

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 397-422; one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 52843; *Evans*, No. 24586.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

264. NEW HAMPSHIRE. DECEMBER SESSION, 1796. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | Passed at a Session of the | Honorable General-Court, | Begun and holden at Concord, | December, 1796. | Printed from Attested Copies. | 8vo (9 by 5½), sewed, uncut, name on title and margin.

Portsmouth-New-Hampshire: | Printed by John Melcher . . . |  
1797

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-22.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

265. NEW HAMPSHIRE. LAWS, 1797. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | The Constitution | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | and the | Constitution of the United States, with | its Proposed Amendments. | Printed by Order of the Honorable the General-Court. | 8vo (8 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 5), rebound in full sheep, small hole in title, corner of one leaf torn.

State of New-Hampshire: | Portsmouth:—Printed by John Melcher, | Printed to the State. | 1797

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution of New Hampshire, pp. [5]–31; Attestation, p. [32]; Constitution of the United States, pp. 33–48; Acts, pp. 49–470; Index, pp. [471]–492.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Evidently an official compilation of such parts of the 1792 Revision as were still in force in 1797, with the Public Arts of the subsequent sessions inserted under their appropriate subjects.

266. NEW HAMPSHIRE. DECEMBER SESSION, 1799. The | Laws | of the | State of New-Hampshire, | Passed at a session of the | Honorable General Court, | Begun and holden at Concord, | December, 1798. | Printed from Attested Copies. | 8vo (9 by 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed, uncut.

Portsmouth-New-Hampshire: | Printed by John Melcher . . . | 1799

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 517–530.

COPIES LOCATED: N. H. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

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ACTS AND LAWS OF THE ORIGINAL COLONIES AND STATES

**Second Session, Numbers 267 to 479, inclusive**

MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27th, AT 8:15 O'CLOCK

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267. NEW JERSEY. [ALEXANDER (JAMES).] A Modest Vindication of the Proceedings of the | Last Assembly of New-Jersey, in their | Resolves touching a separate Governour. | Small folio (12 by 7), half blue crushed levant morocco, lettered up back, text smoke stained having been damaged by fire, no text missing and good margins, each leaf neatly and skilfully protected by transparent gauze, in a permanent manner.

[New York: Printed by William Bradford, 1729]

AN ITEM OF EXCESSIVE RARITY: BEING THE ONLY KNOWN COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY INTERESTING HISTORICAL TRACT RELATIVE TO THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE ASSEMBLY OF NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNOR MONTGOMERIE ON THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE GOVERNOR.

Inserted is a two-page Signed Autograph Document by James Alexander, dated, New York, February 19th, 1721, relative to the practice of the Court of Chancery, and the survey of some land. There is also inserted, a one-page folio manuscript document "To his Excellency Lewis Morris, Esq. Captain Generall and Governour in Chief of the province of New Jersey," being the Petition of Jos. Murray and Wm. Smith, Counsel for the Complainant in the Case of *Jerokiman against Post and Speir*, with a six-line Signed Autograph Note by Governor Lewis Morris, dated, July 20th, 1742, ordering the defendants to be served with a copy of this petition.

In 1720 William Burnet succeeded Hunter as Governor of New Jersey, and continued to preside over New York and New Jersey until 1727, when he was removed to the governorship of Massachusetts, being succeeded in that of New York and New Jersey by John Montgomerie, who continued in office until his death in the summer of 1731.

The death of Governor Montgomerie threw the governorship upon Lewis Morris, President of the Council, the duties of which office he assumed until the arrival of William Crosby (appointed, March 27, 1732), who continued to hold office until his death in March 10, 1736, when the duties of the office fell upon John Anderson, President of the Council. After a short period of two weeks, Anderson died, being succeeded by John Hamilton (son of Andrew Hamilton, governor in the Proprietors' time). Hamilton governed for nearly two years; during his administration there was submitted to the crown, certain "Reasons" why New Jersey and New York should each have a separate

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NEW JERSEY

267. NEW JERSEY. [ALEXANDER (JAMES).]: *Continued.*

governor. These "Reasons" finally, in the summer of 1738, resulted in the arrival of a commission to Lewis Morris, as Governor of New Jersey, separate from New York. The Eleventh Assembly, at its Perth Amboy session, in the "12th of George II, 1738" was the first separate Assembly held after the appointment of the first separate Governor of New Jersey, *viz.* Lewis Morris, formerly Chief-Justice of New York, but removed by Governor Crosby.

John West, Lord Delaware, was appointed, as Crosby's successor, on June 20, 1737, but owing to his public activities, he never left England, and his commission was subsequently, September, 1737, revoked.

The attempt to separate the governorship of New York and New Jersey was first made in Governor Burnet's time, and renewed during the short governorship of John Montgomerie. The action of the Assembly of New Jersey on the subject of a separate governor was so unpalatable to Governor Montgomerie and his Council, that he dissolved them.

The present tract, which is a defence of the action of the Assembly, in their controversy with Gov. Montgomerie, was written by James Alexander, a lawyer, born in Scotland about 1690, who was obliged to leave England on account of his active partisanship with the pretender. He came to America in 1715, and became the first official recorder of the town of Perth Amboy, N. J., in 1718. He held many public offices, serving for several years in the Colonial legislature of New Jersey, and was attorney-general in 1721-1723, and Secretary of the Province of New York.

This tract shows no printer's name or place, but is without question the work of William Bradford.

268. NEW JERSEY. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1732. The | Acts | Of the General Assembly | Of the Province of | New-Jersey, | From the Time of the Surrender of the | Government of the said Province, to the | Fourth Year of the Reign of King | George the Second. | Collected and Published by Order of the said | Assembly. With a Table of the Principal Matters therein contained. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), old paneled sheep, back repaired, new leather labels. Philadelphia: Printed and Sold by William and | Andrew Bradford, Printers to the King's Most Excellent | Majesty, for the Province of New-Jersey, | MDCCXXXII. [1732]

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY OF THIS COMPILATION OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. [12]; Acts, pp. 281, verso of last blank. One blank leaf at beginning and two at end.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 61; *Tower*, No. 559; *Sabin*, No. 53043; *Hildeburn*, No. 444; *Evans*, No. 3578.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; B. A. N. Y.; N. J. S.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; C. U.

There are several signatures on title and blank leaves; also the inscription in the autograph of William Bradford, "*Printed and Sold by William Bradford.*"

This compilation is known as "Kinsey's Laws," having been edited and compiled by John Kinsey, Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, 1730, 1733, and who was appointed Chief Justice of Pennsylvania in 1743.

*Printed and Sold by*  
*Wm. Bradford*  
THE  
ACTS

Of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Of the PROVINCE of

NEW-JERSEY,

From the Time of the Surrender of the  
Government of the said Province, to the  
Fourth Year of the Reign of KING  
GEORGE the Second.

*Collected and Published by Order of the said*  
ASSEMBLY.

With a TABLE of the Principal Matters therein contained.



PHILADELPHIA: Printed and Sold by *William* and  
*Andrew Bradford*, Printers to the King's Most Excellent  
Majesty, for the Province of *New-Jersey*,  
MDCCXXXII.

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### NEW JERSEY

269. NEW JERSEY. ELIZABETHTOWN BILL IN CHANCERY, 1747. A Bill in the Chancery of New-Jersey, At the Suit of John Earl of Stair, and others, Proprietors of the Eastern-Division of New-Jersey; Against Benjamin Bond, and some other Persons of Elizabeth-Town, distinguished by the Name of the Clinker Lot Right Men. With Three large Maps, done from Copper-Plates. To which is added; The Publications of The Council of Proprietors of East New-Jersey, and Mr. Nevill's Speeches to the General Assembly, Concerning The Riots committed in New-Jersey, and The Pretences of the Rioters, and their Seducers. [These] Papers will give a better Light into the History and Constitution of New- [J]ersey, than any Thing hitherto published, the Matters whereof have been chiefly [Col]lected from Records. Published by Subscription: *With three engraved maps and some additional matter.* Folio (13½ by 8½), half brown, somewhat damaged by fire and smoke, only a few letters missing on title, and three last leaves, one map has portion of one corner missing, other two maps have each one margin slightly damaged, some of the edges are ink-stained. The whole has been skilfully repaired, each leaf being preserved with transparent gauze. [Printed by James Parker, in New-York, 1747; and a few Copies are to be Sold by him, and Benjamin Franklin, in Philadelphia; Price bound, and Maps coloured, Three Pounds; plain and sticht only, Fifty Shillings, Proclamation Money.

#### AN EXCEEDINGLY SCARCE NEW JERSEY ITEM.

COLLATION: Title, one page, verso, Errata; The Bill, pp. 3-81; Schedules, Nos. I to XIV, pp. 82-124; By the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, met at Perth-Amboy, the 25th Day of March, 1746, in Behalf of themselves and the rest of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, whom they represent. pp. 11, verso of last blank; By the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, met at Perth-Amboy the 25th Day of March, 1747 . . . ||, pp. 13-15, 17-24 (page number 16 has been dropped by the printer and the page-numbers thereafter transferred to wrong side of pages); verso of last blank; By the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, met at Perth-Amboy the 14th Day of September, 1747 . . . ||, pp. 25-39, verso of last blank; Reprinted from the *New-York Weekly Post Boy*, of March 19, 1746. Numb. 174. Nevill's Speech to the House of Representatives . . . || 26th April, 1746. | 2pp.; Reprinted from the *New-York Weekly Post Boy*, of May 26, 1746. Numb. 175. | 2pp.; [Contemporary Reprint of the first page of] The New-York Gazette, March 7, 1747 | 48; Maps I, II and III. *Engraved & printed by James Turner near the Town House Boston.*

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 9; *Sabin*, No. 53 8; *Evans*, No. 6021; *Church*, No. 961.

COPIES LOCATED: N. J. S.; B. M.; H. C.; N. Y. H.; L. C.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. P.; B. A.

A weighty historical item relating to the Proprietary lands in New Jersey, containing papers which give a better light into the history and the constitu-

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269. NEW JERSEY. ELIZABETHTOWN BILL: *Continued.*

tion of New Jersey, than anything hitherto published, comprising the Bill presented by the Proprietors, with documents relating to the same. Inserted is a copy of "*The New York Gazette, revived in the Weekly Post-Boy*," May 7, 1747 (inner margin torn); there are, also, four pages reprinted from the "*Post Boy*," containing the two Speeches of Mr. Nevill (not given by Evans in his collation of the volume).

For more than thirty years prior to the publication of this item, there had been no important controversy between the grantees of Carteret and the Elizabethtown claimants under the Indian titles, due to the abstinence of the Carteret interests from enforcing their claims. During this time, a large quantity of these interests had come into the hands of Robert H. Morris and James Alexander, who held important offices in the colony. With other large proprietors they commenced action of ejectment and suit for the recovery of quit-rent against the settlers, who immediately resorted to their Indian titles and formed an association consisting of a large portion of the inhabitants of the counties of Middlesex, Essex, Somerset and Morris. In September 1745 the Associators broke open the county goal and delivered all persons committed at suit of the Proprietors. This led to the above-mentioned Bill, calling for a "*Riot-Act*," which was supported by the Governor and Council, but the Assembly not only rejected the bill, but sought to give more favorable color to the offences of the Association.

The title page of the present copy contains the autograph signature of Daniel Coxe, once a member of his Majesty's Council of New Jersey, whose property was burnt and pillaged by his friends, and later confiscated by the State of New Jersey.

270. NEW JERSEY. LAWS, 1758. The | Grants, Concessions, | And | Original Constitutions | Of The Province of | New-Jersey | The Acts | Passed during the Proprietary Governments, and other ma- | terial Transactions before the Surrender thereof to | Queen Anne. | The Instrument of Surrender, and Her formal Acceptance | thereof. | Lord Cornbury's Commission and Instructions conse- | quent thereon. | Collected by some Gentlemen employed by the General Assembly. | And Afterwards | Published by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the said | Province | With proper Tables alphabetically digested, containing the principal Matters in | the Book. | By Aaron Leaming and Jacob Spicer. | Small folio (11¼ by 7¼), new full sheep, lacks pp. 76.

Philadelphia: | Printed by W. Bradford, Printer to the King's Most Excellent | Majesty for the Province of New-Jersey. | [1758]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso, Errata; Preface, 2pp.; Grants, in Carteret's, etc. Time, half-title, one leaf, verso blank, text, pp. 3-72, 77-138; Half-title to Duke's Release, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 141-223, verso of last blank; Half-title to Laws, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 227-419, verso of last blank; Half-title to Acts, 1681-1701, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, etc., pp. 423-692; Index, pp. [693]-710; Index for East New-Jersey, pp. [711]-740; Index for West New-Jersey, pp. [741]-763, verso of last blank. A few pages wrongly numbered by printer.

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### 270. NEW JERSEY. LAWS OF 1758: *Continued.*

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 70; *Tower*, No. 561; *Sabin*, 39527; *Evans*, No. 8205; *Hildeburn*, No. 1596; Not in Church.

COPIES LOCATED: N. J. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. H.; B. A. N. Y.; H. L. S.; C. U.; B. L.

Generally known as *Leaming and Spicer's Laws*. Prepared under authority of an act of Assembly passed in 1752. Subscribers' names were first solicited in February, 1755. The compilers spent nearly two years in its preparation. In the printing more than three years were consumed, and it was not until May, 1758, that it was ready for delivery. It is the largest production of the Bradford Press, and a very handsome volume.

This copy has the autograph signature of J. Kinsey, the jurist, born at Philadelphia in 1731, died at Burlington, N. J., in 1803, and some marginal annotations in his hand.

### 271. NEW JERSEY. LAWS, 1752-1761. The | Acts | Of the General Assembly | Of the Province of | New-Jersey, | From the Time of the Surrender of the Government in the Second | Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, to this present Time, be- | ing the Twenty- Fifth Year of the Reign of King George the | Second. | Collected and published by Order of the General Assembly | of the said Province. | With Proper Tables; and an Alphabetical Index containing all the | Principal Matters in the Body of the Book. | By Samuel Nevill Esq. | Second Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the | said Province. |

[Philadelphia:] Printed by William Bradford, Printer to the  
King's Most | Excellent Majesty for the Province of New-  
Jersey, | MDCCLII. [1752]

#### ALSO

THE | ACTS | OF THE | GENERAL ASSEMBLY | of the | Province |  
of New-Jersey, | From the Year 1753, being the Twenty-sixth  
of the Reign | of King George the Second, where the First |  
Volume ends, to the Year 1761, being the First of | King George  
the Third. | With Proper Tables; and an Alphabetical Index  
. . . | . . . Together | with an Appendix; containing several  
Acts of Parli- | ament now in Force in America, relating to His  
Majesty's Forces, and the Articles of War. | | | By Samuel Nevill,  
Esq; | | | Volume the Second. |

Woodbridge, in New-Jersey: | Printed by James Parker, printer  
to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, for the Province. |  
M.DCC.LXI. [1761]

Together, 2 vols. small folio (11 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7), full new sheep.

Philadelphia and Woodbridge, 1752-1761

#### COMPLETE COPIES OF BOTH VOLUMES.

COLLATION [Vol. I.] Title, one leaf, verso, Errata; Dedication, one leaf,  
verso blank; Acts, pp. 454; Table, pp. [455]-470; Index, pp. 471-507, verso of  
last blank, with inscription in ink, "*George Washington, President.*" Vol. II;

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### 271. NEW JERSEY. LAWS OF 1752-1761: *Continued.*

Title, one leaf, verso, blank; Dedication, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. x. List of Subscribers, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 368; Tables, 2 leaves, first and last page blank; Addenda, pp. 369-401, verso of last blank; Complete. Index, pp. 56; Title to Appendix, one leaf, verso blank; Appendix, pp. 3-59, verso blank; Index to Appendix, pp. 61-64. Blank fly-leaf has inscription,—*The Gift of Saml. Allison*, [the editor of the 1776 edition] *to Samuel Shaw, Dec. 24, 1772.*

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Pages 66 and 71; *Tower*, Nos. 560 and 562; *Sabin*, Nos. 53044 and 53045; *Evans*, Nos. 6893 and 8947; *Hildeburn*, No. 1268.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. J. S.; S. L. M.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; H. L.; C. U.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; A. A. S. (Vol. 2); B. A. N. Y.

This forms Vols. I and II of Nevill's Edition of the Laws of New Jersey, covering period from 1703 to 1761.

### 272. NEW JERSEY. LAWS, 1776. Acts | of the | General Assembly | of the Province of | New-Jersey, | From the | Surrender of the Government to Queen Anne, on the 17th Day of April, | in the Year of our Lord 1702, to the 14th Day of January 1776. | To which is Annexed, | The Ordinance for the regulating and establishing the Fees | of the Court of Chancery of said Province. | With three Alphabetical Tables, and an Index. | Compiled and published under the Appointment of the General Assembly, and | compared with the Original Acts, | By Samuel Allinson. | [Seven lines of quotation.] | Folio (13¼ by 9), full new sheep. Burlington: | Printed by Isaac Collins . . . | M.DCC.LXXVI. [1776]

FINE COPY. With original blank end-papers. Autograph Signature of *Wm. Paterson*, member of the New Jersey State Constitutional Convention, 1776 and Governor of the State, 1791; and marginal manuscript annotations.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. iii-viii.; Acts, pp. 493, verso of last blank; Appendix, pp. 6; Ordinance, pp. 6; Table of Publick Acts in Force, pp. 4; Table of Publick Acts Disallowed pp. 4; Table of Private Acts, pp. 3, verso of last blank; Index, pp. 15, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 75, *Tower*, No. 563; *Sabin*, No. 53047; *Evans*, No. 14911.

COPIES LOCATED: N. J. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; S. L. M.; H. S. P.; H. L.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; B. L.

### 273. NEW JERSEY. SESSION, 1778. Acts | of the | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Session begun at Trenton on the 28th Day of | October 1777, and continued by Adjournments. | Being the first Sitting of their second Session. | Folio (14 by 8¾), sewed, uncut, writing on title. Burlington: | Printed by Isaac Collins, M.DCC.LXXVIII. [1778]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-24; Table, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 78, No. 4; *Evans*, No. 15926.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.; N. J. S.; N. Y. S.

Contains among other acts that for procuring clothing for the use of the New Jersey Regiments in the Continental Establishment.

The last act passed is that for December 12, 1777.



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274. NEW JERSEY. MARCH SESSION, 1780. State of New-Jersey. | An Act for compleating the Quota of Troops belonging to this State in the Service of the United-States. | [Two columns of text.] | Passed at Trenton, March 11, 1780. | M. Ewing, jun. Clerk. | Folio (15 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), broadside.

[Trenton: Printed by Isaac Collins, 1780]

VERY RARE REVOLUTIONARY BROADSIDE.

REFERENCES: Not in Evans or Nelson.

This act was passed to complete the New Jersey quota for the Continental Army, in compliance with a resolution by the Continental Congress of February 9th, 1780.

275. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1783. Acts | of the Eighth | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey, | At a Session begun at Trenton the 28th Day | of October, 1783, and continued until the 24th Day of | December following. | [First Sitting, 8th Session.] Folio (13 by 8), sewed, uncut, writing on title.

Trenton: | Printed by Isaac Collins, Printer to the State. | M.DCC.LXXXIV. [1784]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-72; Table, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 83, No. 22; *Evans*, No. 18633.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P. (Lacks Table); S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; N. J. S.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for December 24, 1783.

276. NEW JERSEY. LAWS, 1784. Acts | of the | Council | and | General Assembly | of the State of | New-Jersey, | From the | Establishment of the present Government, and Declaration of Independence, the | End of the first Sitting of the eighth Session, on the 24th Day of December, 1783; | With the Constitution prefixed. | To which is annexed, | An Appendix, containing the Articles of Confederation | of the United States, &c. | With two Alphabetical Tables and an Index. | Compiled under the Appointment of the Legislature, | By Peter Wilson, A.M. | Folio (13 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), full new sheep, top margin of title, above text, torn off, small hole cut in first leaf.

Trenton: | Printed by Isaac Collins, Printer to the State of New Jersey. | M.DCC.LXXXIV. [1784]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution, pp. iii-x; Acts, pp. 389, verso of last blank; Appendix, pp. 28; Alphabetical Table of Publick Acts in Force, pp. 4; Same, Publick Acts obsolete, pp. 4; Alphabetical Index, pp. 30.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 564; *Sabin*, No. 53048; *Evans*, No. 18632; *Nelson*, No. 804.

COPIES LOCATED: N. J. S.; J. C. B.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; H. L.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.

This copy has the autograph signatures of *J. Benjamin*, *Garret D. Wall*, and *James W. Wall*.

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277. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1784. Acts | of the Ninth | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey, | At a Session begun at Trenton on the 26th Day of | October, 1784, and continued by Adjournments. | Being the First Sitting. | Folio (13¾ by 8¼), sewed, uncut.

Trenton: | Printed by Isaac Collins, Printer to the State. | M.DCC.LXXXIV. [1784]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 125-186; Table, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 84, No. 24; *Evans*, No. 18634.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.; N. J. S. M. H. S.; H. S. P.; B. L.; S. L. M.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

Contains among other acts, those relating to the sale of forfeited estates. The last act passed is that for December 24, 1784.

278. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1786. Acts | of the Tenth | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Session begun at Trenton on the 25th Day of | October, 1785, and continued by Adjournments. Being the Second Sitting. | Folio (14½ by 9), sewed, uncut, few margins stained.

Trenton: | Printed by Isaac Collins, Printer to the State. | M.DCC.LXXXVI. [1786]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 235-288; Table, one leaf, verso blank, remargined.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Pages 84-85, No. 26; *Evans*, No. 19833.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that for March 23, 1786.

279. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1794. Acts | of the | Nineteenth | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Session begun at Trenton on the 28th Day of October 1794, and continued by Adjournments. | Being the First Sitting. | [Arms.] | Folio (12 by 7½), sewed.

Trenton: | Printed by Matthias Day. | M,DCC,XCV. [1795]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 925-976; Table, pp. 977-978.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 90, No. 42; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 315.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S. The last act passed is that for December 3, 1794.

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280. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1795. Acts | of the | Twentieth  
| General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Ses-  
sion begun on the 27th Day of October, 1795, | and continued by  
Adjournments. | Being the First Sitting. | [Arms.] | Folio (11¼  
by 7), sewed.

Trenton: | Printed by Matthias Day. | M,DCC,XCV. [1795]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-19, verso of last blank;  
Table, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 90, No. 44; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*,  
Page 316.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.;  
C. U.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for November 25, 1795.

Autograph Signature of *Chief-Justice James Kinsey*, member of Continental  
Congress, in two places.

281. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1796. Acts | of the | Twen-  
tieth | General Assembly. | of the | State of New-Jersey. | At a  
Session begun at Trenton on the 27th Day of October, 1795, |  
and continued by Adjournments. | Being the Second Sitting. |  
[Arms.] | Folio (12½ by 7½), sewed, name in ink on title.

Trenton: | Printed by Matthias Day. | M,DCC,XCVI. [1796]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 25-113; Table, p. 114.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 91, No. 45; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*,  
Page 316.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.;  
N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for March 18, 1796.

282. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1797. Acts | of the | Twenty-  
First | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a  
Session begun at Trenton on the twenty-fifth day of | October,  
seventeen hundred and ninety-six, and | continued by adjourn-  
ments. | Being the Second Sitting. | [Arms.] | Folio (12½ by  
7½), sewed.

Trenton: | Printed by Matthias Day, Printer to the State. |  
M,DCC,XCVII. [1797]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 129-234; Table, pp.  
235-238.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 91, No. 47; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*,  
Page 316.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.;  
N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for March 10, 1797.

Autograph Inscription,—“for Mr. James Craft from his friend W. Coxe.



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283. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1797. Acts | of the | Twenty-Second | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Session begun at Trenton the twenty-fourth day of | October, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, | and continued by adjournments. | being the First Sitting. | [Arms.] Folio ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed.  
Trenton: | Printed by Matthias Day, Printer to the State. |  
M,DCC,XCVII. [1797]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 241-256; Appendix, pp. ix, verso blank; Contents, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 91, No. 48; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 316.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for November 10, 1797.

284. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1798. Acts | of the | Twenty-Second | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Session begun and held at Trenton on the twenty-fourth day of | October, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, | and continued by adjournments. | Being the Second Sitting. | [Arms.] | Folio ( $13\frac{5}{8}$  by  $7\frac{3}{4}$ , sewed, partly uncut, inscription in ink on title.  
Trenton: | Printed by Matthias Day, Printer to the State. |  
M,DCC,XCVIII. [1798]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 259-408; Table, pp. 409-412, last leaf repaired.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 92, No. 49; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 316.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. L. S.; N. Y. P.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

The last act passed is that for March 16, 1798.

285. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1799. Acts | of the | Twenty-Third | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Session begun at Trenton, on the twenty-third day of | October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and continued by adjournments. | Being the Second Sitting. | [Arms.] | Folio ( $12\frac{1}{2}$  by  $7\frac{5}{8}$ ), sewed.  
Trenton: | Printed by Gershom Craft, Printer to the State. |  
M,DCC,XCIX. [1799]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 425-508; Table, pp. 509-510, margin repaired.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 92, No. 51; *Hand-List of the Mass. State Library*, Page 316.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

The last act passed is that for February 21, 1799.

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286. NEW JERSEY. OCTOBER SESSION, 1799. Acts | of the | Twenty-Third | General Assembly | of the | State | of | New-Jersey. | At a Session begun at Trenton, on the twenty-third day of October, | one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and con- | tinued by adjournments. | Being the Third Sitting. | [Arms.] Folio (12½ by 7⅝), sewed, writing in ink on title. Trenton: | Printed by Gershom Craft, Printer to the State, | M,DCC,XIX. [1799]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 513-629, verso of last blank; Appendix, pp. 631-635; Table, pp. 635-637, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Nelson*, Page 93, No. 52; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 316.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U. The last act passed is that for June 13, 1799.

287. NEW JERSEY. LAWS, 1800. Laws | of | the State | of | New Jersey, | Revised and Published under the Authority of | the Legislature. | By | William Paterson. | [Arms of New Jersey.] | Folio (15¾ by 10¼), full new sheep. New Brunswick: | Printed by Abraham Blauvelt. | M,DCCC. [1800]

FINE COPY. With original blank end-papers. With autograph signature of *Eph. Martin, Esqr. Counselor for the County of Middlesex*, New Jersey.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Grant of Charles II., pp. iii; Release of James Duke of York, pp. iv-v; Constitution of New-Jersey, pp. vi-ix; Declaration of Independence, pp. x-xii; Constitution of the United States pp. xiii-xxii; Laws, pp. 455, verso of last blank; Explanation, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Index, 27pp.; Errors, one page.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; N. J. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

## NEW YORK CITY

288. NEW YORK CITY. MONTANUS (ARNOLDUS). De Nieuwe en Onbekende | Weereld: | of | Beschryving | van | America | en | 'tZuid-Land, | Vervæetende | d'Oorsprong der Americaenen en Zuid- | landers . . . Door | Arnoldus Montanus. *Engraved vignettes, and plates.* Folio (12½ by 7¾), old paneled calf. t'Amsterdam: By Jacob Meurs . . . 1671

FINE COPY OF THE RARE ORIGINAL DUTCH EDITION, WITH ENGRAVED VIEW OF NEW YORK. Has both the engraved and the printed title-pages.

A work much sought after for the beauty of its engravings, which in this edition surpass in brilliancy those of latter issues. THE VIEW OF NEW YORK is especially fine.

The work is devoted in the main to Mexico, Peru and Brazil, though with chapters on New York, Virginia and California.

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289. NEW YORK CITY. NEWSPAPER PRINTED BY JOHN PETER ZENGER. Numb. XXVII. | The | New-York Weekly Journal. | Containing the freshest Advice, Foreign, and Domestic. | Munday May 13th, 1734. | Small folio (11 1/8 by 7 1/8), sheets, 4 pages. [Colophon.] New-York: Printed and Sold by John Peter Zenger . . . | | | [1734]

THIS EARLY ISSUE OF ZENGER'S FAMOUS PAPER IS EXCEEDINGLY SCARCE. The present issue contains a List of "All the ships of War designed for His Britanic Majesty's service this Spring."

290. NEW YORK CITY. NEWSPAPER PRINTED BY JOHN PETER ZENGER. Numb. XXX. | The | New-York Weekly Journal. | Containing the freshest Advices, Foreign, and Domestic. | Munday, May 27th, 1734. | Small folio (10 1/2 by 6), sheets, 4pp., slightly chipped at old fold and one corner, with the loss of three or more letters. [Colophon.] New-York: Printed and Sold by John Peter Zenger . . . | | | [1734]

Like the preceding this is one of the rare numbers.

291. NEW YORK CITY. NEWSPAPER. The | Independent Reflector: | or, | Weekly Essays | on | Sundry Important Subjects. | More particularly adapted to the Province of New-York. | [Crowns within two type borders, followed by type-line and line of quotation from Cicero.] Numbers XIV to LII, inclusive, March 1 to November 22, 1753. With the RARE Preface, Title, and leaf of Advertisement. Folio (12 1/2 by 7 1/2), uncut, as issued, stitching removed, slight tear in margins of last two leaves.

New-York: | Printed [by James Parker] (until tyrannically suppressed) in MDCCLIII. [1753]

AN ITEM OF GREAT RARITY, SELDOM FOUND COMPLETE. The present copy does not contain the first 13 numbers, and lacks besides, Nos. 22, 31 and 37. There is no Index, but the rare prefatory matter is present. ALL THE NUMBERS AS WELL AS THE PREFATORY MATTER ARE UNCUT. The set includes the KING'S COLLEGE NUMBERS.

COLLATION: Advertisement, one leaf, recto blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp 31, verso of last blank; Issues, pp. [55]-86, [91]-122, [127]-146, [151]-212 (pp. 197 to 208 being wrongly numbered [196]-207).

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 34452; *Evans*, No. 7042.

To this paper, which was edited by William Livingston, many noted men of the day contributed. Livingston himself wrote a series of letters in which he vigorously opposed the establishment of an American Episcopate, and the incorporation of an Episcopal College (now Columbia University). Among other contributors were Aaron Burr, John M. Scott, William Alexander (afterwards known as Lord Stirling), and William Smith.

The paper was published every Thursday. Its attacks on men in power by members of a literary society in New York City ultimately suppressed the paper.



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### NEW YORK CITY

292. NEW YORK CITY. SQUIRE (FRANCIS). An | Answer | To some late Papers, | Entitled, The | Independent Whig; | So far as they | relate to the | Church of England, | As by Law Established. | . . . Small 8vo (7¼ by 4¾), original paper wrappers uncut, slight stain on a few corners.

New-York: | Printed and Sold by Hugh Gaine, at | the Printing Office opposite the Old-Slip-Market, 1753

FINE COPY. ENTIRELY UNCUT AND UNOPENED. RARE IN THIS STATE. Only two copies located by Evans.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Advertisement, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, pp. v-vi; Preface, pp. vii-xii; text, pp. 1-132.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 7124; *Ford's "Bibliography of Gaine Imprints,"* Page 89.

293. NEW YORK CITY. HORSMANDEN'S NEGRO PLOT. [Horsmanden (DANIEL).] A | Journal | of the | Proceedings | in | The Detection of the Conspiracy | Formed by | Some White People, in Conjunction with Negro and other Slaves, | For Burning the City of New-York in America, | And Murdering the Inhabitants. | Which Conspiracy was partly put in Execution, by Burning His Majesty's House in | Fort George, within the said City, on Wednesday the Eighteenth of March, 1741, and | [14 lines.] | By the Recorder of the City of New-York. | [One line from | Virgil.] | Small 4to (9½ by 7¾), original boards, sheepback, binding worn, half-title missing, name on title, text somewhat soiled. In cloth folder.

New-York: | Printed by James Parker, at the New Printing-Office, 1744

THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST EDITION. Only two or three copies are known with the half-title.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. vi; Introduction, pp. 10; Journal, pp. [11]-192; Conclusion, pp. 193-205; Errata, p. [206]; one blank leaf; Appendix, pp. 10; Lists of Persons, pp. 11-16.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 33058; *Evans*, No. 5413; *Church*, No. 951.

Laid in is a one-page Autograph Document, Signed, by Daniel Horsmanden, dated, *N. York, 12th April, 1768*, certifying to the appointment of Philip Livingston and three others as qualified for Trustees in the Estate of Abraham De Peyster, Treasurer; also, a one-page Document, Signed, by Horsmanden, March 10, 1767, containing List of Jurors.

The work contains a Narrative of the Trials, Condemnations, Executions and Behavior of the several Criminals; the Evidence concerning the Conspiracy, and Lists of persons committed.

Horsmanden, who was one of the judges concerned in the condemnation of the negroes, wrote this book in defence of his conduct. An accidental fire in the fort, and, at the same time, a discovery of some stolen goods in the house of a negro led to a panic in which it was supposed the negroes of the city had conspired to destroy the city and kill the white people. Prosecutions and executions hastily resulted, and it was only sometime later that doubts were thrown on the whole affair.

# Laws, Orders & Ordinances

Established by the

## Mayor, Recorder,

Aldermen and Assistants

OF THE

## City of New-York

Conven'd in Common-Council,

For the good Rule and Government of the  
Inhabitants of the said City.

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*Published the Eighteenth Day of November, in the  
Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George  
the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and  
Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Domini 1731.  
and in the Mayoralty of Robert Lurting, Esq;*

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Printed and Sold by *William Bradford* in the City of  
*New-York*, 1731.

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294. NEW YORK CITY. [IRVING (WASHINGTON).] A History | of | New York, | From the Beginning of the World to the | End of the Dutch Dynasty . . . | *Folding view of New York.* 2 vols. in one, 12mo (6 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 4), full red crushed levant morocco, sides with an elaborate panel in gilt, fillets, rosettes, flowers, full gilt back, inside gilt border, gilt over marbled edges, BY DAVID. New York, 1809

FINE COPY OF THE RARE FIRST EDITION. The plate is nearly always wanting; in the present case it shows a slight tear in center, repaired and rebacked.  
THE ROBERT HOE COPY.

295. NEW YORK CITY. VALENTINE (D. T.). Complete set of Valentine's Manuals of the Corporation of the City of New York, from 1841 to 1866 inclusive. *Illustrated with maps, plans, tinted lithographic views, facsimiles, etc.* Together, 25 vols. 16mo, 12mo and 8vo, all in the original cloth bindings except the one for 1866 which is in full leather.

New York, 1841-1866

A COMPLETE FILE OF VALENTINE'S MANUALS, from 1841 to 1866 inclusive. One of the volumes is inscribed by the Compiler. A few of the bindings are worn and some of the plates are torn, some very slightly. The first three volumes, however, which comprise the rarest volumes in the set are in unusually fine condition. The volumes are all perfect as far as the plates are concerned with the exception of the following,—

1845-1846, lacks "The Fort in New York."

1848. The frontispiece "Park Fountain, New York" is in facsimile.

1851, lacks "Map of the State of New-York . . . with the Population as determined by the Census of 1850," and "[Bradford Map, same as in volumes for 1842-3 and 1844-5.]"

1853, lacks "Washington Institute and City Reservoir."

1854, lacks "Table of Semi-centennial Mortality of the City of New York, Jan. 1, 1804 to Dec. 31, 1853."

1859, lacks "Diagram of Aldermen's Chamber;" half the plate "North Battery, foot of Hubert St. looking South, 1820" is lacking, and the same applies to "View of the Quarantine Grounds and Buildings, Staten Island, May 1858."

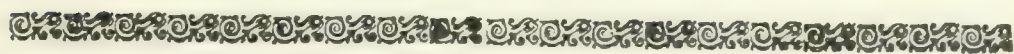
1866, lacks [map] "New York City County and Vicinity."



THE  
Charter  
OF THE  
CITY  
OF  
NEW-YORK;

Printed by Order of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City aforesaid.

TO WHICH IS ANNEXED,  
The Act of the General Assembly Confirming the same.



NEW-YORK,  
Printed by John Peter Zenger. 1735.

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296. NEW YORK CITY. STOKES (I. N. PHELPS). The Iconography of Manhattan Island 1498, 1909. Compiled from Original Sources, and Illustrated by Photo-intaglio Reproductions of important Maps, Plans, Views and Documents in Public and Private Collections. *Maps, colored on plain plates, and illustrations.* 3 vols. 4to, half vellum, gilt tops, uncut, in cloth wrappers and slip-cases. New York, 1915-1918

One of 360 copies printed on English hand-made paper.

Judge Benedict subscribed and paid for the set of four volumes at the time of publication. Vol. 4 will be ready shortly and the above set is sold as four vols. not three, and on the understanding that volume 4 will be delivered to the purchaser without charge.

Mr. Stokes has found that it is impossible to complete the work in four volumes and, therefore he has decided that an additional volume, making five in all, will be necessary to complete the work, and it is assumed that the buyer of the above set will subscribe for vol. 5, which will be supplied to him by the publisher, Mr. Dodd, at the original subscription price of \$40.00.

297. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS, 1731. Laws, Orders & Ordinances | Established by the | Mayor, Recorder, | Aldermen and Assist-  
ants | of the | City of New-York | Conven'd in Common-Council,  
| For the good Rule and Government of the | Inhabitants of  
the said city. | Published the Eighteenth Day of November, in  
the | Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George |  
the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and  
| Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Domini 1731. |  
and in the Mayoralty of Robert Lurting, Esq; | [Type ornament.]  
| Small folio (11 by 7), half crimson crushed levant morocco.  
Printed and Sold by William Bradford in the City of | New-  
York, 1731

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY OF AN EXCESSIVELY RARE ITEM. Only three copies known.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 3-32; Contents, 2pp.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54333; *Evans*, No. 3458; *Church*, No. 914; *Tower*, No. 634; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 77.

"The only other known copy of these Laws is that in the New York Historical Society's Library, which has 36 pages of text instead of 32, and table of Contents, 1 leaf." CHURCH CATALOGUE.

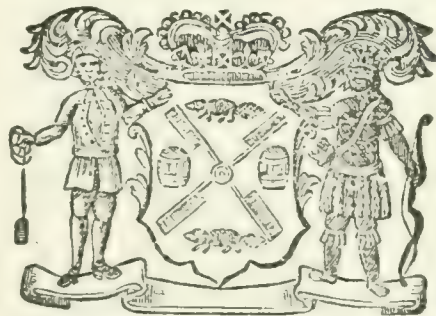
COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; H. L.

THE PRESENT COPY IS THE DE PUY COPY, and tallies with the Church copy in collation. According to the *Contents* this copy is perfect, the last entry on same being for page 32.

L A W S,  
STATUTES, ORDINANCES  
AND  
CONSTITUTIONS,  
ORDAINED, MADE AND ESTABLISHED,  
BY THE  
Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty,  
OF THE  
CITY of *New-York*,  
Convened in Common-Council,  
FOR  
The good Rule and Government of the  
Inhabitants and Residents of the said City.

PUBLISHED the Ninth Day of November, in the third Year of the  
Reign of our Sovereign Lord, GEORGE the Third; by the Grace of  
GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of  
the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini 1762. And in the Mayoralty of  
JOHN CRUGER, Esq;

To which is added,  
An APPENDIX, containing Extratts of sundry Acts of the General Assembly,  
of the Colony of New-York, immediately relating to the good Government  
of the said City and Corporation.



Printed and Sold, by JOHN HOLT, at the New Printing Office, at the lower  
End of Broad Street, opposite the Exchange, 1763.



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### NEW YORK CITY

298. NEW YORK CITY. CHARTER, 1735. The | Charter | of the | City | of | New-York; | Printed by Order of the Mayor, Recor- | der, Aldermen and Commonalty of | the City aforesaid. | To which is annexed, | The Act of the General Assembly Confirming the same. | Small folio (12½ by 8), original wrappers with pictorial illustration of birds and animals, slight stain on title page. In cloth folder and red levant morocco back slip-case.

New-York, | Printed by John Peter Zenger. 1735

[See Illustration]

THE LARGEST AND FINEST COPY OF THE "MONTGOMERIE" CHARTER EXTANT. VERY RARE.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank: Charter, pp. [3]-52. Pages 12 and 13 are wrongly numbered 10 and 11.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54165; *Evans*, No. 3942; *Church*, No. 920; *Rutherford's "Imprints of Zenger,"* Pages 152-153; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 106.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L.; Holden Collection.

Laid in a one-page Manuscript Document, Signed in the Autograph of Christopher Bancker, dated, September 9, 1739, giving the result of the vote in the North Ward of the City of New York, for Alderman, Christopher Bancker; for Assistant, W. Vreedenburgh; for Assessors, Isaac Stoutenburgh and Jan Van Arenham; Also, for Collector and Constables.

299. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS AND ORDINANCES, 1763. Laws, | Statutes, Ordinances | and | Constitutions, | Ordained, Made and Established, | by the | Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, | of the | City of New-York, | Convened in Common-Council, | For the good Rule and Government of the | Inhabitants and Residents of the said City. | Published the Ninth Day of November, in the third Year of the | Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third . . . | . . . Annoque Domini 1762. And in the Mayoralty of | John Cruger, Esq; | To which is added, | An Appendix, containing Extracts of sundry Acts of the General Assembly, | of the Colony of New-York, immediately relating to the good Government | of the said City and Corporation. | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (11¾ by 7½), original front wrapper. In cloth folder and crimson crushed levant morocco back slip-case. Lacks last three leaves.

[New York:] Printed and Sold, by John Holt, at the New Printing Office, at the lower | End of Broad Street, opposite the Exchange, 1763

[See Illustration]

RARE ISSUE.

COLLATION: Members of the Corporation, one leaf, recto blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank; Authorization for printing, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 5-51; Tables, pp. 52-54; Appendix, pp. 55-104.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 836; *Sabin*, No. 54335; *Evans*, No. 9463; *Tower*, No. 636; *Grolier Club Exhibition*; 1893, No. 151.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; A. A. S.

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NEW YORK CITY

300. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS AND ORDINANCES, WITH CHARTER, 1786. Laws | and | Ordinances, | Ordained and Established | by the | Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty | of the | City | of | New-York, | In Common Council convened; | For the good Rule and Government of the Inhabitants | and Residents of the said City. | Published the Twenty-Ninth Day of March, 1786, in the Tenth Year of | our Independence, | And in the Mayoralty of | James Duane, Esq. | [ALSO] The | Charter | of the | City | of | New-York. | Printed by Order of the | Mayor, Recorder, | Aldermen and Commonalty | Of the City aforesaid. | To which is Annexed, | The Act of the General Assembly confirming the same. | 2 vols., in one small folio (12 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8), original boards, new sheep back, few margins stained. In cloth folder. New-York: | Printed by Samuel and John Loudon, Printers to the State. | M,DCC,LXXXVI. [1786]

COMPLETE COPY OF EACH WORK. Published simultaneously, with separate titles and pagination. No copy containing both works known to Evans.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-28; Index, one leaf, verso blank; Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. [3]-44. Two blank leaves at front and two at end.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, Nos. 54336 and 54169; *Evans*, No. 19855; Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.

The title-page of the Charter is the same, with the exception of the Imprint and date, as that appearing on the issue printed by Hugh Gaine in 1774.

Has Autograph Signature, on title, of Colonel *Rich. Varick*, military secretary to General Philip Schuyler, and who served in the Revolution, and became a member of Washington's military family.

301. NEW YORK CITY. CHARTER, 1805. The | Charter | of the | City of New-York, | together with the | Acts of the Legislature | in Relation thereto, | or which have vested additional powers | in the | Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty | of the said city. | Published pursuant to an Order of Common Council, | Made February 18, 1805. | 8vo (8 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 5), original sheep and leather labels.

New-York, | Printed by James Cheetham, | | 1805

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; half-title, one leaf, verso blank; Montgomerie Charter, pp. [5]-118; Appendix (containing various Acts, March 8, 1803 to March 21, 1806), pp. 119-240; Index, pp. LVI.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54171, where the Index is not mentioned.

302. NEW YORK CITY. SPECIAL LAWS, 1806. A Law | For Preventing and Extinguishing | Fires | in | the City of New-York. | 8vo (9 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), sewed, uncut.

New-York, | Printed by James Cheetham, | | 1806

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Law, pp. [3]-12.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54330, where the issue is given as 21 pages. The above is complete, and an issue unknown to *Sabin*.



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303. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS AND ORDINANCES, 1808. Laws | and | Ordinances, | Ordained and Established | by the | Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty | of the | City of New-York, | In Common Council Convened, | | | | | Passed and published the 18th day of January, 1808. | In the Mayoralty of | Marinus Willett. 8vo (8¼ by 5½), sheep, cracked at hinges.

New-York: | Printed by Frank, White & Co. | 1808

COLLATION: Title, one leaf; Laws, pp. [3]-152; Title to Health Laws, one leaf; text, pp. [155]-189; one blank; Index, pp. lxxv.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54340.

304. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS AND ORDINANCES, 1817. Laws | and | Ordinances | Ordained and Established by the | Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty | of the | City of New-York, | In Common Council Convened, | During the Mayoralty of | Jacob Radcliff. | Passed the Fifth of May, 1817. | To which is added, | The | Law of the State of New-York | Relative to the | Transportation of Gun-Powder. | 8vo (8½ by 5¼), new cloth, blank portion of top of title-page cut off.

New-York: | Printed by T. and J. Swords, | | 1817

COLLATION: Title, one leaf; Members of the Council, pp. [3]-4; Contents pp. [5]-7; Laws, pp. [9]-155; one blank; Appendix, pp. [157]-160; Index, pp. [161]-172. Interleaved copy.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54342.

305. NEW YORK CITY. CHARTER, 1819. The | Charter | of the | City of New-York. | Published pursuant to an Order of Common Council, Passed | June 14th, 1819. | 8vo (8½ by 5), half sheet, somewhat foxed, name written on half-title, some margins have marginal annotations.

New-York: | Printed by Grattan and Banks, | | 1819

COLLATION: Half-title, one leaf; Title, one leaf; Charter, pp. 114; Index, pp. xxi.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54172.

306. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS AND ORDINANCES, 1821. Laws | and | Ordinances | Ordained and Established by the | Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty | of the | City of New-York, | In Common Council Convened; | During the Mayoralties of | Cadwallader D. Colden, | and of | Stephen Alle, Esqrs. 8vo (8⅝ by 5¼), original calf and leather label, the front cover having name of Judah Hammond, in gilt. Interleaved copy.

New-York: | Printed by G. L. Birch, | 1821

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; members and officers, 2pp.; Contents, pp. [v]-vii., one blank; Laws, pp. [9]-155; one blank; Index, pp. [157]-167.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54343.



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### NEW YORK CITY

307. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS AND ORDINANCES, 1823. Laws | and | Ordinances | Made and Established by the | Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty | of the | City of New-York; | In Common Council Convened, | On the 27th day of October, 1828. | 8vo (8¼ by 5¼), new cloth. Interleaved copy.

New-York: | Printed by P. & H. Van Pelt, | | 1823

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Members and Officers, 2pp.; Contents, pp. [v]-vii; one blank; Laws, pp. [9]-40 [pages 41 to 56 missing], 57-167; one blank; Index, pp. [169]-175.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54344.

308. NEW YORK CITY. LAWS AND ORDINANCES, 1827. Laws | and | Ordinances, | Made and Established by | The Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty | of the | City of New-York, | In Common Council Convened, | A. D. 1827. | 8vo (8½ by 5¾) original calf and label, name of Cample P. White, in gilt, on front cover.

New-York: | Printed by E. Conrad, | | 1827

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Members and Officers, 2pp.; Contents, pp. [v]-viii; Laws, pp. [9]-198; Index, pp. [199]-208.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54345.

### NEW YORK COLONY AND STATE

309. NEW YORK. SMITH (WILLIAM). The | History | Of the Province of | New-York, | From The | First Discovery to the Year M.DCC.XXXII. | To which is annexed, | A Description of the Country, with short Account of the | Inhabitants, their Trade, Religious and Political State, and the | Constitution of the Courts of Justice in that Country. | [Quotation from Thomson.] | By William Smith, A.M. | *Folding copperplate by I. Mynde, "The South View of Oswego on Lake Ontario."* 4to (10⅛ by 8), full crimson crushed levant morocco, sides with triple fillet border, full gilt back, inside gilt border, gilt edges, BY LLOYD, WALLIS & LLOYD.

London: | Printed for Thomas Wilcox . . . | M.DCC.LVII.  
[1757]

FINE COPY OF THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST EDITION OF THIS IMPORTANT AND AUTHENTIC HISTORICAL WORK OF COLONIAL NEW YORK.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, 3pp., verso of last blank; Preface, pp. [vii]-xii; History, pp. 1-180; Half-Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. [183]-255, verso of last blank.

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### NEW YORK

310. NEW YORK. DUKE OF YORK'S CHARTER, 1683. The Duke of York's Charter of Liberties & Priviledges to the Inhabitants of New York, anno 1683, with Acts of the Assembly of that year & the year 1684. A Certified and Exemplified Manuscript Copy of Dongan's Laws, 1683-1684, made from the Original Manuscript in the Office of the Regents of the University of New York for the Hon. E. F. De Lancey, under the direction of David Murray, Secretary of the University of New York. Written in ink in a beautiful and legible hand, on more than 100 sheets of fine paper folio size (14 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 10). Bound in one vol. half red morocco, gilt top.

THESE LAWS WERE NEVER PRINTED, AND THIS IS THE ONLY COMPLETE MANUSCRIPT COPY OF THE SAME EVER MADE FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT VOLUME. It contains the sworn statement of David Murray, Secretary of the Board of Regents, as follows,—

"I have compared the preceding copy of 'Dongan's Laws, 1683-1684,' with the Original thereof deposited in this office, and I do hereby certify the same to be a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof . . . the fourth day of August, 1885."

311. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1694. BRADFORD IMPRINT. The | Laws & Acts | of the | General Assembly | for | Their Majesties Province | of | New-York, | As they were Enacted in divers Sessions, the first of | which began April, the 9th, Annoq; Domini, | 1691. | [Printers type-ornaments of three lines.] | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), full orange crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, gilt edges. In full crimson straight-grain morocco solander case, lettered on back. BY BRADSTREET.  
At New-York, | Printed and Sold by William Bradford, Printer to their Majesties, King | William & Queen Mary, 1694

[See Frontispiece for Illustration]

AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE ISSUE OF THE FIRST COMPILED LAWS OF NEW YORK, WITH MANUSCRIPT NOTE OF RESOLUTIONS BY THE HOUSE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION laid in.

THIS IS THE ONLY COPY KNOWN TO BE IN A PRIVATE COLLECTION, ITS APPEARANCE OFFERS WHAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY OF OBTAINING A COPY OF THESE HIGHLY IMPORTANT LAWS.

COLLATION: Title (in exact facsimile), one leaf, verso blank; Table, 2pp.; Acts, pp. 1-84, (pages 58 and 59 wrongly numbered 57 and 58); Catalogue of Fees, pp. 11, verso of last blank; several new blank leaves added at end.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 20; *Tower*, No. 575; *Evans*, No. 703; *Church*, No. 750; *Sabin*, No. 53726; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 21.

COPIES LOCATED: One of 8 known copies, the others being in,—H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. S. L.; H. L. (2 copies); N. Y. S. (2 copies).

THIS COPY IS PERFECT AS FIRST ISSUED, with the exception of the title-page, which is in excellent facsimile. The "Catalogue of Fees," which was printed the preceding year, is included at the end of this copy, with its separate pagination and colophon,—Printed and Sold by William Bradford, Printer to Their Majesties, | King William and Queen Mary, at the Bible in New-York, 1693.

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### 311. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1694: *Continued.*

The present copy is the one formerly owned by the Pennsylvania Historical Society, and latter by A. C. and Henry C. Berheim, with bookplates of latter two.

The note referred to above is an exceedingly interesting autograph document, signed in the handwriting of James Graham, Speaker of the Assembly, and First Recorder of the City of New York. It is dated, "Die martis—Aprill 21, 1691," and refers to the printing of the Resolutions by the House. The action being taken the year before Bradford came to New York, it therefore does not authorize the printing of the same by Bradford, but undoubtedly Bradford acted upon this order in printing the present laws. The document reads as follows,—

*"House of Representatives for ye Prouince of New Yorkais*

*"Die martis—Aprill 21, 1691.*

*"Nemine Contra Duenti that Mr. Merrett Mr. Coortland Mr. Nanscayeh & Mr. Poline doe waite upon his Excellly.—& Councill with ye Concurrence of this house to ye Publication of the Resolues of this house—agreed unto by his Excellly. and the Councill—and yt his Excellly. would be Pleased to order the Publishing of them accordingly."*

### 312. NEW YORK. SESSION LAWS, 1695. BRADFORD IMPRINT. [Royal Arms.] | The sixth Assembly, First Sessions: | Beginning the first Day of October, and ending the 26th of the same, Anno Regni | Regis Guilielmi, Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, Septimo. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), full blue crushed levant morocco, tripple gilt fillets on sides, full gilt back, gilt edges, BY THE CLUB BINDERY. [New York: William Bradford, 1695]

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY OF THE ACTS OF THE FIFTH ASSEMBLY, SECOND SESSION, OCTOBER 1 to 26, 1695. In placing the above caption at the top of the first page the printer headed the same (wrongly) "The Sixth Assembly, First Session.

COLLATION: pp. 107–113 verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 40; *Tower*, No. 576; *Evans*, No. 732; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 24.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. S.

Among the various Acts is one "for raising the Sum of Eight Hundred Sixty Four Pounds and fifteen Shillings, for paying and maintaining a Company of Fuzileers employed on the Frontiers, and at present under the Command of Major Schuyler."



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313. NEW YORK. MARCH SESSION, 1697. BRADFORD IMPRINT. [Royal Arms.] | Acts made the 5th Assembly, 5th Sessions. | Beginning the 25th of March, 1697. and ending the 22th day of April fol- | lowing, Anno Regni Regis Guilielmi Tertij, Angliæ Scotiæ Franciæ & | Hiberniæ, Nono. | Small folio (11 by 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), full blue crushed levant morocco, triple gilt borders, gilt back, gilt edges, BY THE CLUB BINDERY.

[New York: William Bradford, 1697]

FINE COPY OF THIS RARE COLONIAL NEW YORK SESSION LAW.

COLLATION: pp. [5], verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 63; *Tower*, 577; *Evans*, No. 803; Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. S.

Among the various acts is one "for the raising the Sum of Three and Twenty Hundred Pounds to Enable his Excellency to secure the Frontiers at Albany, and for recruiting his Majesties three Companies posted there."

314. NEW YORK. OCTOBER SESSION, 1702. [Royal Arms.] | Acts passed the First Sessions of the General Assembly. | Beginning the 20th Day of October, 1702. Anno Regni Regniæ Anna, Angliæ, | Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, Primo. | [Line.] An Act for the Levying and Collecting the Sum of | Eighteen Hundred Pounds, for the raising, paying and maintain- | ing one hundred and fifty Fuzileers, with proper Officers | for five Moneths, and Thirty Men with their proper Officers, | to be imployed as Scouts sixty two Days, for the Defence of | the Fronteers. | [And several other acts, including one for further defence.] Folio (12 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson levant morocco, lettered up back.

[New-York: Printed by William Bradford, 1701.]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE SESSION LAWS, INCLUDING LAWS FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE FRONTIER IN THE TIME OF THE OLD FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR, KNOWN AS QUEEN ANNE'S WAR.

COLLATION: pp. [177]–202. One leaf slightly shorter then rest.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 583; *Evans*, No. 1080; Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

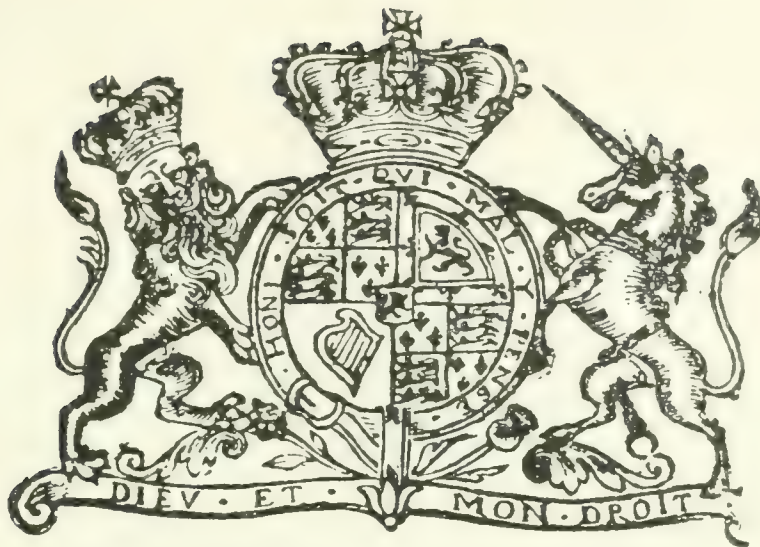
COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. P. (Imperfect).

315. NEW YORK. SCHENECTADY. DECREE OF HER MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, 1703. Document, Signed, 15 pages, folio, Executed at Fort Ann, (New York), July 23, 1708. Of EXCESSIVE RARITY.

DECREE OF HER MAJESTY'S COUNCIL consisting of Lord Cornbury the Governor, Peter Schuyler, Gerrard Beekman, Rip Van Dam, Thomas Wenham and John Barbarie, Councillors thereof, in answer to the complaint upon the part of certain freeholders of the Town of Schenectady, that the town lands were being improperly sold, and mismanaged. "*That since the death of the former trustees, or some of them, the Defendants to Defraud the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the said lands to them belonging are got with possession of the said lands and withhold the same from the Compltts.*"

The defendants in the case were William Teller and Reyer Schermerhorn though to all intents and purposes the latter was the sole defendant.

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## The sixth Assembly, First Sessions:

Beginning the first Day of October, and ending the 26th of the same, *Anno Regni Regis Guilielmi, Anglie, Scotiae, Franciae & Hiberniae, Septimo.*

*An Act for the raising the Sum of Eight Hundred Sixty Four Pounds and fifteen Shillings, for the paying and maintaining a Company of Fuzileers imployed on the Fronteers, and at present under the Command of Major Schuyler, from the first of August last, till the first of March next following.*

**B**E it Enacted by the Governour and Council, and Representatives convened in General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same, That the sum of Eight Hundred sixty four Pounds and fifteen Shillings current Money of this Province be laid, assessed, raised and levied upon all and every of the Inhabitants, Residents, Sojourners and Freeholders of and in this Province, for the paying and maintaining the Officers and Souldiers Imployed on the Fronteers, and at present under the Command of Major Schuyler, now in service for the Security of the Fronteers at Albany, from the first day of August now last past, until the first day of March next ensuing the publication hereof, according to the Establishment hereunto annexed, to be Laid, Assessed levied and paid unto his Majesties Collector and Receiver General for the time being, at his Majesties Custom-house in the City of New-York at or before the 25 day of March next ensuing the publication hereof, according to the several and Respective Quotas and Proportions hereafter following. That is to say, for the City and County of New-York the Sum of 265*l.* 17*s.* being their Quota and Proportion of the Eight hundred sixty four Pounds fifteen shillings aforesaid. For the County of Westchester the sum of 47*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* being their Quota and Proportion as aforesaid. For the County of Richmond the sum of 21*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* being their Quota and Proportion as aforesaid. For Kings County, the sum of 151*l.* 7*s.* being their Quota and Proportion as aforesaid. For Queens County, 136*l.* 4*s.* being their

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315. NEW YORK. SCHENECTADY DECREE: *Continued.*

The Complainants were Symon Groot and Jonathan Stephens. The petition of the Complainants was dismissed with costs, the following being the reasons of the council:

*"WHEREUPON and upon hearing what was alledged by Council on either side that it appearing to this court that no matter of Equity is Contained in the said Complainants Bill of Complaint whereby the said Complainant ought to have the relief they pray for by their said bill. It is therefore ordered and Decreed and it is hereby ordered and decreed that the Complainants said Bill exhibited into this Court, Doe stand dismiss—And also that the said Complainants doe Pay and Satisfie unto the said Defendant such costs."*

The above matter relates to the old difficulty between Ryer Schermerhorn and the Freeholders of the town of Schenectady.

The document is of unusual historical importance, as, singularly enough, it sustains the position of Schermerhorn, and as the decisions of the Council and Courts were universally against him, this document in that sense may be considered unique.

Pearson, in his valuable work, "The History of Schenectady Patent," makes no mention of, and was undoubtedly unaware of the existence of this interesting paper.

It is also signed by William Peartree, Master of Chancery and afterwards Mayor of New York City. Jos. Huddleston, Register's Deputy.

316. NEW YORK. ACTS, 1708. BRADFORD IMPRINT. Acts passed by the General Assembly of the | Colony of New-York, | In September and October, Anno Dom. 1708. being the 7th Year | of Her Majesties Reign. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), half crimson crushed levant morocco.

[New York: Printed by William Bradford, 1708]

FINE COPY, AND OF GREAT RARITY.

COLLATION: pp. [12].

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 152; *Evans*, No. 1367; *Tower*, No. 596; Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

COPIES LOCATED: P. R. O.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; N. Y. S.

These Acts also form one of the Supplements to the 1710 Law Book.

317. NEW YORK. JOURNAL, 1709. BRADFORD IMPRINT. A Journal of the | Votes | of | The General Assembly of Her Majesties | Colony of New-York in America. | Beginning the 20th day of October, 1702, under the Administra- | tion of his Excellency Edward Lord Cornbury, Capt. General and Govern- | our of this Colony. | [Continued to November 27, 1708.] Small folio (11⅝ by 7¼), half crimson crushed levant morocco, some leaves stained.

[New York: Printed by William Bradford, 1708]

COLLATION: pp. 1-78.

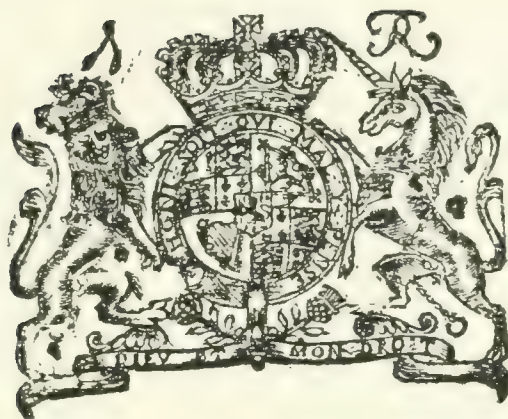
REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 150.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.

The Journal, as here printed, is included in Bradford Edition of the Laws for 1710.

Bound in are the Journal and Votes, from May 19, 1709 to November 12, 1709, pp. 13-40, with colophon,—Printed by William Bradford, Printer to the Queens most Excellent Majesty | for the Colony of New-York, 1709.






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Anno Sexto Annæ Reginae.

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# Act of Parliament

For Ascertaining the Rates of Forreign Coyns in  
Her Majesties Plantations in *America*.

**W** Hereas for Remedyng the Inconveniencies which have arisen from the different Rates at which the same Species of Forreign Silver Coyns did pass in her Majesties severall Colonies and Plantations in *America*, her most excellent Majesty has thought fit, by her Royal Proclamation, bearing date the 18th Day of *June*, 1704. and the third year of her Reign, to settle and ascertain the Currency of Forreign Coyns in her said Colonies and Plantations, in the manner and words following,

**W** E having had under our Consideration the different Rates at which the same Species of forreign Coyns do pass in our severall Colonies and Plantations in *America*, and the Inconveniencies thereof, by the indirect Practice of drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, to the great prejudice of the Trade of our Subjects. And being sensible, that the same cannot otherwise be Remedied, than by reducing of all Forreign Coyns to the same current Rate within all our Dominions in *America*. And the principal Officers of our Mint having  
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318. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAW, 1709. BRADFORD IMPRINT. [Royal Arms.] | Anno Sexto Annæ Reginae. | An | Act of Parliament | For Ascertaining the Rates of Foreign Coyns in | Her Majesties Plantations in America. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), full red crushed levant morocco, uncut, signature of *Joun Hyatt*, on last leaf.

[Colophon.] Re-printed by William Bradford in New-York, 1709

[See Illustration]

COLLATION: pp. 4.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 154; Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.

319. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAW, 1709. BRADFORD IMPRINT. An Act for Regulating and Establishing Fees. | [Colophon.] This Act was Published the 24th Day of May, 1709. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), half crimson crushed levant morocco.

[New York: Printed by William Bradford, 1709]

FINE COPY, AND OF GREAT RARITY.

COLLATION: pp. 13, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 157; *Church*, No. 836; *Evans*, No. 1414.

COPIES LOCATED: P. R. O.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; H. L.

Contains the Fees established for the various government and court officials.

The act in its present form, appears as a Supplement to the 1710 Law Book.

320. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAWS, 1709. BRADFORD IMPRINT. An Act for Levying Four Thousand Pounds. | [Passed, June 21, 1709.] Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), half crimson crushed levant morocco, uncut.

[New York: Printed by William Bradford, 1709]

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY, AND OF GREAT RARITY. ONE OF TWO COPIES KNOWN.

COLLATION: pp. 4.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53442; *Hasse*, No. 162; *Tower*, No. 596, *Evans*, No. 1418.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; H. L.

This Act also forms one of the Supplements of the 1710 Law Book.

Contains the Resolve authorizing the Commission appointed for managing the Expedition to Canada to pay 100 pounds to Colonel Petter Schuyler; also the Resolve relative to Carpenters impressed for the Expedition.

The above refers to the campaign against Quebec and Montreal undertaken by Colonels Nicholson and Vetch, which was abandoned at Wood Creek, Lake Champlain, when the news of the non-arrival of the British fleet was received.

*An Act for Levying Four Thousand Pounds.*

**B**E it Enacted by the *Leut. Governor, Council and General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same*, That the Sum of four Thousand Pounds be laid, assessed, raised and levied upon the Estates, real and personal of all and every the Inhabitants, Residents, Sojourners and Free-holders of and in this Colony of *New-York*, to be paid and issued by Coll. *Abraham De Peyster*, the Treasurer of this Colony, according to the value of Money mentioned in an Act of General Assembly of this Colony, made in the Seventh year of her Majestys Reign, Entituled, An Act for the regulating and preventing the Corruption of the Currnt Coin, in manner following, that is to say, Two Thousand Pounds, part thereof, at or before the last Day of *May*, which will be in the year of our Lord 1712. and the other Two Thousand Pounds, remainder thereof, at or before the last Day of *November* then next following, according to the Quot'as and Proportions herein expressed, *viz.*

For the City and County of *New-York*, Eight Hundred Eighty five Pounds.

For the City and County of *Albany*, One hundred seventy five Pounds  
Ten Shillings

For *Kings County*, seven hundred and Thirty Pounds.

For *Queens County*, Six Hundred fourty four Pound Ten Shillings.

The County of *Suffolk*, six hundred Eighty Pounds ten Shillings.

The County of *Ulster*, Three hundred & Eleaven Pounds ten Shillings.

The County of *West-Chester*, Two hundred and Forty Pounds.

The County of *Richmond*, Two hundred and Twenty six Pounds thirteen Shillings and four pence.

The County of *Orange*, Sixty Pounds.

*Dutches County*, forty six Pounds six Shillings and eight pence.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said sum of Four Thousand Pounds be, and is hereby given and granted to her Majesty, her heirs and Successors, to be applied for the payment of such of the four hundred Eighty seven Men of the Militia of this Colony appointed to serve in the Expedition to Reduce *Canada*, as appear, on the return of the Forces, to have served, and to and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever. That is to say, a *Coll* at Twenty Shillings per Day, a *Major* at ten Shillings per Day, six *Captains* at Eight Shillings per Day each, sixteen *Lieutenants* at four Shillings per Day each, Twenty four *Serjants* at two Shilling per Day each, Twenty four *Corporals* at Eighteen pence per Day each, Eight *Drummers* at Eighteen pence per Day each, four *Chyrurgions* at six Shillings per Day each, and four hundred and three private *Centinels* at Eighteen pence per Day to every of them, above their Provisions.

And be it further Enacted, &c. That a Muster-Roll of the Names of all the Volunteers, expressing when listed, and of those Impressed, when detached, be transmitted to the said Treasurer by the principal Officer of the Militia of every City and County, signed by him, and by that Officer who shall make such detachment or enter the Volunteers, as aforesaid, within a Moneth, after such listing or Detachment, to remain with the Treasurer for the better regulating



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321. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAWS, 1709. BRADFORD IMPRINT. Acts passed by the General Assembly of the Colony of | of New-York, in May, June, September, October & November, | 1709 being the 8th year of her Majestys Reign. | Small folio (11¾ by 7¼), half crimson crushed levant morocco.

[New York: Printed by William Bradford, 1709]

FINE COPY, AND OF GREAT RARITY.

COLLATION: An Act for laying Six Thousand Pounds. For and towards defraying the Charge of the Expedition to Canada . . ., pp. 73-76; An Act for levying divers Sums of Money for defraying the Charge of | this Colony. | [And other Acts.] pp. 89-96. Published the 24th Day of September, 1709; An Act for Currency of Bills of Credit for Four Thousand Pounds. | [And other Acts, passed and Published the 12th of November, 1709.] | pp. 101-112, pages 102 and 103 wrongly numbered 98 and 99; An Act to Repeal an Act of General Assembly [relative to the account of Robert Livingston], pp. 113-114.

REFERENCES: See Bradford's Edition of Laws of 1710. *Hasse*, No. 171; *Tower*, No. 596; *Evans*, No. 1480; *Church*, No. 839.

These Acts form part of the 1710 edition of Bradford's Laws.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; B. A. N. Y.

322. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAW, 1709. BRADFORD IMPRINT. Anno Regni Octavo Annæ Reginae. | An Act for an Assignment to Lady Lovelace. | Folio (11¾ by 7⅛), sheet, enclosed in board folder.

[Colophon.] Printed by William Bradford, Printer to the Queens most Excellent Majesty | for the Colony of New-York, 1709

COLLATION: p. 113, verso blank.

REFERENCES: This Act is also included, in the 1710 edition of the Laws, printed by W. Bradford; but is missing in some copies.

Laid in is a two-page Manuscript Document, dated "New York, July 22, 1714," signed in the autographs of GEORGE CLARKE (Lieutenant-Governor of New York), JOHN JOHNSTON (Mayor of New York, 1713-1720, and a member of the Royal Council in 1718), and HENRY LANE (appointed a member of the Council, by Crosby upon his arrival in 1732). This document is a Petition "To His Excelcy Robert Hunter Esqr. Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of New York & New Jersey . . . for and on behalf of the Right Honble Charlott Lady Lovelace," and is referred to in the Council Minutes for May, 1709 [Pages 10-11 of the Second part of the Journal and Votes].

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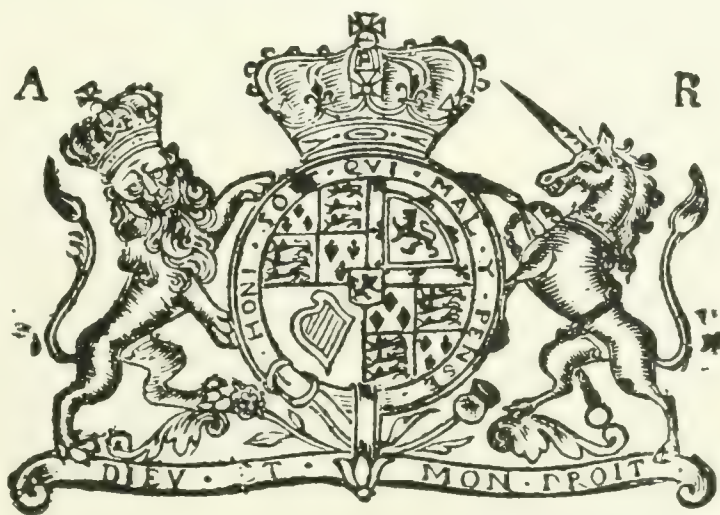
Of Her MAJESTIES

Colony of New-York,

As they were Enacted by the Governour, Council and General Assembly, for the time being, in divers Sessions, the first of which began *April* the 9th, *Annoq; Dom.* 1691.

*To which is Added,*

His Excellency's Speeches and Messages to the General Assembly, and a Journal of the Votes and Addresses of the House during the Administrations of the Rt. Honorable the Lord Cornbury, Lord Lovelace, and the honourable Coll *Richard Ingoldesby*, Esq; Governors of said Colony, to the 12th of *November*, 1709.



Printed by *William Bradford*, Printer to the Queens most Excellent Majesty for the Colony of *New-York*, 1710.

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323. NEW YORK. BRADFORD, WILLIAM. — FIRST NEW YORK PRINTER. Autograph Document, Signed, one page 4to (7¼ by 5⅞). February 8, 1710.

ORIGINAL AND AUTHENTIC DOCUMENT ENTIRELY IN THE AUTOGRAPH OF WILLIAM BRADFORD, OF EXTREME RARITY. Reads as follows,—

*"Die Jovis P. M. 8 Febry 1710 (New York).*

*"Ordered That Mr. Hudd and Mr. Marsh do wait upon his Excellency and Council and acquaint them that this house Desired that board to appoint a Committee of Ye Council to Joyn a Committee of this House to Confer on Ye amendments made by Ye Council to the Bill Entit. An Act for raising of Money for building and Repairing Goals, Courthouses in each respective County of this Province.*

*"By order of Ye house*

*"Will Bradford Pr."*

This letter shows smoke stain. It has been most skillfully protected in a permanent manner by transparent silk.

The document relates to an Act for building and repairing Gaols and Court House within the Province of New York, passed January 21, 1709 / 10. For which see, Allinson's Acts of New Jersey, 1776; and Nevill, Vol. I., page 32, Chap. XVII.

324. NEW YORK. ORDINANCE, 1710. BRADFORD IMPRINT. An Ordinance for Regulating and Establishing Fees. | By his Excellency Robert Hunter, Esq; Capt. General and Go- | vernour in Chief in and over the Provinces of New-York, New-Jersey, and | of all the Territories and Tracts of Land depending thereon in America, | . . . this 19th Day of October, | . . . 1710. | Small Folio (12¼ by 7), half blue crushed levant morocco, some edges uncut, lettered up back.

[New York: William Bradford, 1710]

FINE COPY.

COLLATION: 12 pp.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 173; *Tower*, No. 597, gives an issue under this date, with different set-up of title, and pages 20.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. S.

325. NEW YORK. ORDINANCE, 1710. An | Ordinance | For regulating and establishing Fees. | By His Excellency Robert Hunter, Esq; Captain General and | Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of New-York, New-Jersey, | and of all the Territories and Tracts of Land depending thereon in America, | and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. In Council, this 19th Day of October | in the Ninth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, Annoq; Domini 1710. | Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

[New-York: Printed and Sold by James Parker, 1752]

FINE COPY OF THIS THE ONLY KNOWN COPY.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: 8 unnumbered pages. The fifth page has signature "4 Z."

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 6898. | No copy located. Not in *Tower* or *Hasse*.

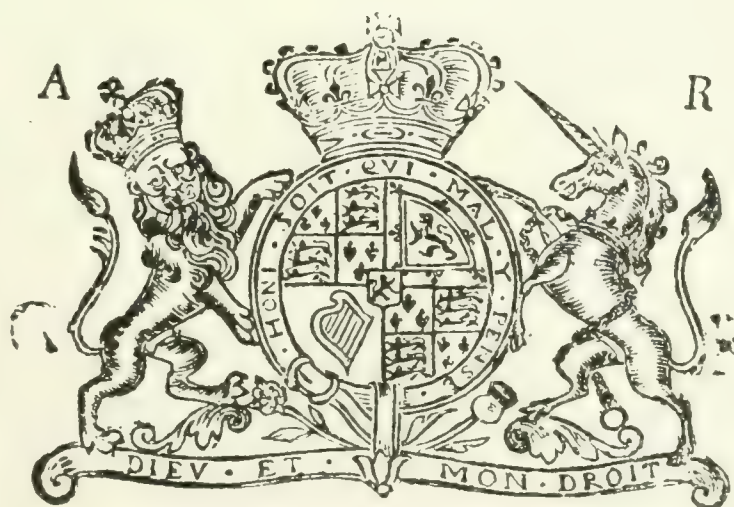


THE  
L A W S,

Of Her MAJESTIES

Colony of New-York,

As they were Enacted by the Governour, Council and  
General Assembly, for the time being, in divers Sessions,  
the first of which began *April* the 9th, *Annoq; Dom* 1691.



Printed by *William Bradford*, Printer to the Queens most Excellent  
Majesty for the Colony of *New-York*, 1713

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326. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1710. BRADFORD IMPRINTS. The | Laws, | Of Her Majesties | Colony of New-York, | As they were Enacted by the Governour, Council and Ge- | neral Assembly, for the time being, in divers Sessions, the first of | which began April the 9th, Annoq; Dom. 1691. | To which is Added, | His Excellency's Speeches and Messages to the General | Assembly, and a Journal of the Votes and Addresses of the House | during the Administrations of the Rt. Honorable the Lord Cornburry, | Lord Lovelace, and the honourable Coll. Richard Ingoldesby, Esq; | Governors of said Colony, to the 12th of November, 1709. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11½ by 7¼), original pan-  
elled sheep.

[New York:] Printed by William Bradford, Printer to the Queens  
most Excellent | Majesty for the Colony of New-York, 1710

[See Illustration]

FINE, CLEAN AND CRISP COPY OF THE RARE SECOND REVISION OF THE LAWS OF THE COLONY OF NEW YORK, WITH THE ORIGINAL END-PAPERS AT FRONT AND BACK, and the autograph signature of Lawrence Reade, a prominent merchant of New York, whose name appeared on several of the currency bills of credit issued by the colony in 1709, to defray the expenses of the colony in the proposed expedition against Canada.

THE DEPUY COPY. Contains all of the text as described in the Tower Copy, and some additional matter as below described.

COLLATION: Three blank leaves; Title to Laws, one leaf, verso blank; Contents [covering pages 1-114], 2pp.; Acts, perfect, but irregularly paged, as follows,—Acts, 1691-1706, pp. 1-72; Acts, September and October, 12 unnumbered leaves; Acts, May, June, September, October, and November, 1709, pp. 73-76, 89-96, 1-4 [for 97-100?] 101, 98-99 [for 102-103?], 104-112 [14 leaves]; An Act for an Assignment to the Lady Lovelace, p. 113. [Colophon.] Printed by William Bradford . . . 1709, verso blank; Act, to Repeal an Act of General Assembly [Relative to Robert Livingstone's accounts], pp. 113-114; Act for Regulating and Establishing Fees [published, May 24, 1709], pp. 1-13, verso blank. [ALSO]

A Journal of the | Votes | of | The General Assembly of Her Majesties | Colony of New York in America. | Beginning the 20th day of October, 1702 . . . [to November 27, 1708] pp. 1-78 [page 5 wrongly numbered 3].

A Journal of the | Votes | of | The General Assembly of Her Majesties Colony of | New York in America. | [April 7, 1709-November 11, 1709], pp. 1-40.

[Royal Arms.] | INSTRUCTIONS TO OUR TRUSTY AND VVELL- | BELOVED COLL. VETCH . . . | . . . the 28th of February, 1708 | | [and] To our RIGHT TRUSTY and WELL BELOVED | JOHN LORD LOVELACE; | 4pp.;

[Royal Arms.] AN | ORDINANCE | OF | HIS | EXCELLENCY AND COUNCIL | For the Establishing | Courts of Judicature | For . . . | New-York, pp. 4;

AN | ORDINANCE | for | The Further Establishing | the | Supream [sic] | Court of Judicature | For | The Province of New-York, | And Encreasing the Terms and Returns | thereof. | Title with imprint,—Printed by William Bradford . . . | . . . 1704, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. 2;

An | Ordinance | of | His Excellency | Edward Viscount Cornbury Captain General and Go- | vernour in Chief in and over the Provinces of New-York, | New-Jersey and Territories . . . | pp. 5, verso blank; 3 blank end-papers.

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## NEW YORK

### 326. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1710: *Continued.*

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 171; *Tower*, No. 596; *Evans*, No. 1480; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 48. The present copy contains material not referred to by any of these.

COPIES LOCATED: B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; L. C. P.; H. L.; B. L.; N. Y. S. (pp. 1-114).

Among the Acts passed are those confirming Grants and Patents, the calling of Long Island the Island of Nassaw, Punishment of Privateers and Pirates, The Bolting Act, against the Jesuits, regulating Slaves, to prevent rum selling to the Indians, etc.

THE ENTIRE CONTENTS IS PRINTED BY WILLIAM BRADFORD, the various sections being each a separate imprint and pagination.

### 327. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1710. BRADFORD IMPRINTS. The | Laws, | Of her Majesties | Colony of New-York, | As they were Enacted by the Governour, Council and Ge- | neral Assembly; for the time Being, in divers Sessions, the first of | which began April the 9th, Annoq; Dom. 1691. | [etc., same as preceding title]. Small folio (11¾ by 7¾) original panelled sheep.

[New York:] Printed by William Bradford, Printer to the Queens  
most Excellent | Majesty for the Colony of New-York, 1710

THE RARE SECOND REVISION OF THE LAWS OF THE COLONY OF NEW YORK.  
Charles Carroll's Copy, with his book-plate. This is Barrister Carroll of  
Baltimore.

REFERENCES: *A. R. Hasse*, No. 171; *Tower*, No. 596; *Evans*, No. 1480.  
*Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 48.

COPIES LOCATED: See preceding item.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Contents [covering pages 1-114],  
2 pp.; Manuscript Index [covering pages 114-165], one page, verso blank;  
Acts, 1691-1706, pp. 1-72 [pages 35-42 are in duplicate]; Acts, September  
and October, 1708, 12 unnumbered leaves, numbered by a contemporary hand,  
pp. 73-84; Acts, May, June, September, October and November, 1709, pp.  
73-76 [renumbered in a contemporary hand, 85-88], 89-96, 1-4 [for 97-100?],  
101, 98-99 [for 102-103], 104-112; An Act for an Assignment of the Lady  
Lovelace. [Colophon.] Printed by William Bradford . . . 1709, p. 113, verso  
blank; Act to Repeal an Act [relative to Robert Livingston], pp. 131-114; Act  
for Regulating and Establishing Fees, pp. 1-13; verso blank; [Also]

A Journal of the | Votes | of | The General Assembly of Her Majesties |  
Colony of New York in America. | [October 20, 1702 to November 27, 1708 |  
pp. 1-78 [pages 5, 21 and 24 wrongly numbered 3, 19 and 18, see preceding  
item];

[A Journal of the Votes and Proceedings, April 7, 1709—November 11,  
1709], pp. 7-40 [lacks pp. 1-6, page 34 wrongly numbered 34].

[Royal Arms.] | Instruction to Our Trusty and Well-be- | loved Coll. Vetch  
. . . | . . . the 28th of February, 1708. | |. pp. 4.

[Royal Arms.] | An | Ordinance | of | His Excellency and Council | For the  
Establishing | Courts of Judicature. pp. 4.



# THE BENEDICT COLLECTION OF EARLY AMERICAN LAWS

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328. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1713. BRADFORD IMPRINTS. The | Laws, | Of Her Majesties | Colony of New-York, | As they were Enacted by the Governour, Council and | General Assembly, for the time being, in divers Sessions, | the first of which began April the 9th Annoq; Dom. 1691. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11¼ by 7) original panelled sheep, some of the pages water-stained, a few leaves cockled, first two leaves of "Acts" damaged. [New York:] Printed by William Bradford, Printer to the Queens most Excellent | Majesty for the Colony of New-York, 1713

[See Illustration]

THE VERY RARE THIRD REVISION OF THE COLONIAL LAWS OF NEW YORK. An almost perfect copy, with Additional Laws of 1714 to 1717, two Ordinances,—"The Fee Ordinance of 1710" and "The Ordinance of October 20th, 1715" bound in. The work is padded at end with 8 sheets (the last being pasted to cover) covering 4 impressions of pages 141 to 156 inclusive of the Second Edition, 1710 of William Bradford's Issue of "The Secretary's Guide."

COLLATION: Blank leaf; Title, one page, verso blank; Table, 3pp., verso blank; Acts, pp. 1-80, 81 (wrongly numbered 18), 82-88, [no pages numbered 89-154, so issued.] 155-[168], pages 159, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, being misnumbered 162, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163.

AND THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL SESSION LAWS AND ORDINANCES, ALL PRINTED BY WILLIAM BRADFORD,—

Acts passed by the General Assembly of | the Colony of New-York, in October, 1713. pp. 171-[180], the last five wrongly numbered, 178, 179, 178, 181, 182. [New-York: W. Bradford, 1713.] *Tower*, No. 601.

Acts passed by the General Assembly of the Colony | of New-York, In June and July, 1714. | pp. 183-196. [New York: W. Bradford, 1714.] *Hasse*, No. 201; *Tower*, No. 602.

Acts passed by the General Assembly of the Colony | of New-York, July, 1715 . . . | pp. 207-238. [New York: W. Bradford, 1715.] *Hasse*, No. 205; *Tower*, No. 603.

[Royal Arms.] | Acts passed by the General Assembly of the Colony | of New-York in June, 1716 . . . | pp. 239-245, several pages wrongly numbered, in all, 7 leaves (should be 8?), the verso of last blank. [New York: W. Bradford, 1716.] *Hasse*, No. 209; *Tower*, No. 606.

An Act passed by the General Assembly of the | Colony of New-York the Fourth Day of September, 1714 . . . | pp. 239-280, for 290. [Colophon.] Printed by William Bradford, . . . New-York, 1715. *Tower*, No. 604.

[Royal Arms.] | Acts passed by the General Assembly of the Colony | of New-York, in May, October and November, 1717 . . . | pp. 246-302 [of the first sixteen pages, the odd numbers are on the left hand side]. [New York: W. Bradford, 1717.] *Hasse*, No. 211. Not in *Tower*.

An | Ordinance | for | Regulating & Establishing Fees. | By His Excellency | Robert Hunter, Esq.; Captain General and Governour | in Chief in and over the Provinces of New York, New- | Jersey, and of all the Territories and Tracts of Land depending thereon in America . . . | pp. 20. [New York: W. Bradford, 1716.] *Tower*, No. 607.

By His Excellency | Robert Hunter, Esq.; Captain General and Governour | in chief of the Provinces of New-York, New-Jersey, and | Territories depending thereon in America . . . | An Ordinance | For Altering the Times of sitting of the Supreme Court of | Judicature in the City of New-York . . . | pp. 3, verso of last blank. [New York: W. Bradford, 1715.] *Tower*, No. 605.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 192; *Tower*, No. 600. Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; B. A. N. Y.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. S. L. (2); N. Y. S.; C. U. (Imperfect).

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF BRADFORD IMPRINTS.

*To All whom these Presents may Concern.*

**H**AD I not been an Eye and Ear-Witness of the late rash Measures in this Province, I could not have believ'd that an Infant Colony of *England*, as yet sucking her Breasts, could thus have flown in her Face; or that a Body of People so distinguish'd by many Marks of Her Majesty's Grace and Favour, could be so ungrateful, as to brand Her most just and gentle Reign with the odious Name of *Tyranny*: For if Supporting her Government in the Manner She has directed, be *Slavery*, (as the angry Faction have industriously proclaimed abroad, and taught the unthinking People to echo back) the giving such Directions or Instructions, must, by undeniable Consequence, be *Tyranny*.

The Apprehension of the Danger that attends these Measures (for whatever my Concern may be *in* the Country, I have as great a one *for* it as any Man) has induced me to publish, in the clearest Manner I am able, the State of the Case in Dispute, between the *QUEEN* (for so it is) and the late Assemblies here, in order to prevent, if possible, the Next from running upon the same Rocks, and, by that Means, the Effects of Her Majesty's just Resentment for their undutiful Behaviour. And indeed there is nothing wanting but a true State of the Case, to shew the Unreasonableness and Danger of such an unnatural and impotent Struggle, the Necessity of Recanting and Remedying what is past, and to open the Eyes and Understandings of the People blinded with false Colours, and bambouled with Noise and Absurdities.

*The CASE stands thus.*

The Revenue being dropt in the Year 1709, Her Majesty has, by the Mouths of Her several Governors since that Time, earnestly recommended to the Assemblies here, the settling of a Revenue for the Support of her Government in this Province. The Lords Commissioners of Trade (a Body of Men consisting of all the Chief Ministers of State, with others set apart for the Care and Management of Her Majesty's Plantations) have, in their several Letters to the present Governor, affirmed, The not Settling, or deferring to settle such a Revenue, to be *Obstinacy, Disrespect, and Want of Duty to Her Majesty*.

The Assembly, or more properly a *PARTY* there, pretend, *That they were ready and willing to support the Government, but the Governor had rejected their Bills for that Purpose.*

In the *First Place*, it is obvious, That in the Course of Three Years that he has resided amongst us, and during the many (by him) interrupted Sessions of Assembly, there has not been one single Bill for that Purpose offered to him for his Assent. True it is, that several Money Bills have been sent up from the House of Representatives, to the Council, for their Concurrence, of which Number there was only One that mention'd the Support of Government; but all of them in such Terms, and clog'd with such Clauses, that the Council, without the highest breach of their Trust, their Oath and their Allegiance, could not pass them.

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# THE BENEDICT COLLECTION OF EARLY AMERICAN LAWS

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*Second Session, Monday Evening, February 27th*

## NEW YORK

329. NEW YORK. REVENUE MEASURES, 1713. BRADFORD IMPRINT.  
To All whom these Presents may Concern. |[Commencing] Had  
I not been an Eye and Ear-Witness of the late rash Mea- | sures  
in this Province, I could not have believ'd that an Infant |  
Colony of England, as yet sucking her Breasts, could thus  
have | flown in her Face; . . . | Small folio (12¼ by 7½),  
sewed, uncut. In cloth folder and crimson crushed levant  
morocco back slip-case.  
[Colophon.] Printed and Sold by William Bradford in the City  
of New-York, 1713

[See Illustration]

A SPLENDID COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE TRACT.

COLLATION: pp. 8, the above caption appears on first page.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 1641; *Church*, No. 857. Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

COPIES LOCATED: DePuy; Holden; N. Y. P.; H. L.

Relates to the question of the Right of the Assembly to Settle and Dispose of the Revenue without the Direction of the Governor (Robert Hunter).

330. NEW YORK. JULY SESSION, 1715. BRADFORD IMPRINT. [Royal Arms.] | An Act passed by the General Assembly of the Colony  
| of New-York in July, 1715, in the first year of the Reign of |  
our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, King of |  
Great Britain, France and Ireland, &. | Small folio (13 by 8¼),  
sewed, in cloth folder and half crimson crushed levant morocco  
slip-case.

[New York: William Bradford, 1715]

[See Illustration]

BEAUTIFUL LARGE UNCUT COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE ISSUE.  
ONE OF TWO COPIES KNOWN.

COLLATION: pp. 6.

REFERENCES: Not mentioned by Hasse, Tower, Evans, or Church. Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.

Contains "An Act Declaring that all Persons of Foreign Birth, heretofore inhabiting within this [New York] Colony, and dying seized of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, shall be forever hereafter deemed, taken and esteemed to have been Naturalized; and for Naturalizing all Protestants of Foreign Birth, now inhabiting within this Colony."





An Act passed by the General Assembly of the Colony of New-York in July, 1715 in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, &c.

An Act Declaring that all Persons of Forreign Birth, heretofore inhabiting within this Colony, and dying seized of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, shall be forever hereafter deemed, taken and esteemed to have been Naturalized; and for Naturalizing all *Protestants* of Forreign Birth, now inhabiting within this Colony.

**W**Hereas by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, dated the Twelfth Day of *March*, in the sixteenth Year of *Charles* the second, the Soyl and Government of this Colony was by the said King given and granted to his then dearest Brother, *James Duke of York*, his Heirs and Assigns; and among other the Powers therein and thereby given to the said Duke, it was granted, that it should and might be Lawful for the said Duke, his Heirs and Assigns, or any of them, at all and every time and times thereafter, to take, lead, carry and transport for and towards the Plantation of this Colony, not only any of the Subjects of his then Majesties Realms and Dominions, but any other Strangers who would become Subjects to the said King, and live under his Allegiance.

And whereas by the Articles made on the Surrender of this Province to the Crown of *England*, it was among other things stipulated, That all People should continue free Denizens, and enjoy their Lands and Houses, wheresoever they were within this Colony, and dispose of them as they please,

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## NEW YORK

331. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1719. BRADFORD IMPRINT. The | Laws | Of His Majesties | Colony of New-York, | As they were Enacted by the Governour, Council | and General Assembly (for the Time being) in divers | Sessions, the first of which began April 9th, 1691. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11¼ by 7¾), original sheep, worn and few corners at beginning slightly torn, inner margin of title-page hinged, some margins stained. [New York:] Printed by William Bradford, Printer to the Kings most Excellent | Majesty for the Colony of New-York, 1719

THE RARE FOURTH REVISION OF THE COLONIAL LAWS OF NEW YORK. COMPLETE, WITH THE ORDINANCE OF 1710, and blank leaves at beginning and end. Has autograph signature of *Cornelius Du Bois*, 1746.

COLLATION: Title, one page, verso, commencement of Contents extending with Alphabetical Table over 10 pages, verso of last "Directions to Binder;" pp. 1-88, forming the collected Laws from April, 1691 to November, 1711.

And the following Sessions,—

Acts, December, 1712, 14 pages, numbered, 155, 156 157, 158, 162, 160, 161, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, verso of last blank; Acts, October, 1713. pp. 171-182 [5 leaves complete but wrongly paged]; Acts, June and July, 1714. pp. 183-196; Acts, July, 1715, pp. 207-238 [wrongly bound, after following]; An Act, Fourth Day of September, 1714, for the Paying and Discharging the several Debts of the Colony, pp. 239-[290, wrongly numbered 280]; Acts passed, June, 1716, pp. 239-[253, wrongly numbered 245], verso of last blank; Acts passed, May, October and November, 1717, pp. 246-324 [pages 246-261 have odd numbers on left side of page, forcing the dropping of a number so as to commence page 263 on the right side]; AN ORDINANCE For Regulating & Establishing Fees. By His Excellency Robert Hunter. 1710. pp. 20.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 216; *Tower*, No. 608; *Evans*, No. 2065. *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 62.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; B. A. N. Y.; H. S. P.; H. L.

This copy contains the Signature of *Cornelius Du Bois*, with a record of presentation, 1765.

332. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1691-1718. Acts | of | Assembly, | Passed in the | Province of New-York, | From 1691, to 1718. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (13¾ by 8¾), original calf, lettered leather labels.

London, | Printed by John Baskett . . . || . . . MDCCXIX. [1719]

FINE, CLEAN AND PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Index, pp. iii-xv, verso of last blank; Acts, pp. 1-292.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 609. Not in *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893.

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# A N O R D I N A N C E

F O R

Regulating the Recording of Deeds and other  
Writings.

By his Excellency *William Burnet*, Esq; Capt. General and Governor in Chief in & over the Provinces of *New-York, New-Jersey*, and of all the Territories depending thereon in *America*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. in Council, this twenty second day of *August*, in the Tenth year of His Majesty's Reign, *Annoq; Domini* One thousand seven hundred twenty Three.

**H**IS Excellency the Governour, and Council of this Province taking into their Consideration the Irregularity and want of Care in Recording of Deeds and other Writings within this Province, And that the Peace and Property of this Province, may in Time, be very much affected thereby, if some Remedy be not thereto quickly applyed. His Excellency the Governour by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council for the said Province, and by Virtue of the Power and Authority to him given by his Majesty's Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, Hath thought fit to Ordain and Direct, and his said Excellency the Governour, by and with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, Doth hereby Order and Direct, That from and after the First Day of *October* next to come, All Deeds and other Writings before they be entered on Record in the Secretary's Office, or in any of the Offices of the Clerks of the Counties in this Province, shall be Acknowledged by the Grantor or Grantors of the same Deeds or Writings, or proved by the Oath of one of the Witnesses to the same, or by other sufficient Evidence, before one of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council, Judges of the Supreme Court, Masters in Chancery, or Judges of the Court of Common-Pleas in the respective Counties where such Records are kept.

*And it is further Ordained*, That the Person or Persons aforesaid, before whom such Acknowledgment or Proof is taken, shall Examine such Deeds or Writings, and if he or they find no material Raifures or Interlineations, but such as are specified in a Memorandum made upon the same Writing before Sealing and Witnessing of the said Deeds or Writings, shall allow the said Deeds or Writings to be entred on Record, by an Endorsement on the said  
Deeds



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## NEW YORK

333. NEW YORK. ORDINANCE, 1723. BRADFORD IMPRINT. An | Ordinance | For | Regulating and Recording of Deeds and other | Writings. | By his Excellency William Burnet, Esq; Capt. General and Go- | vernor in Chief in & over the Provinces of New-York, New-Jersey, | and all the Territories depending thereon in America, and | Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. in Council, this twenty second | day of August, in the Tenth year of His Majesty's Reign, Annoq; | Domini One thousand seven hundred twenty Three. | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), 2pp. half blue crushed levant morocco, lettered up back, top corner repaired. [New York: William Bradford, 1723]

[See Illustration]

ORIGINAL ISSUE.

COLLATION: 2pp.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 297; *Tower*, No. 611; *Evans*, No. 2469; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 62.

COPIES LOCATED: P. R. O.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

334. NEW YORK. JUNE SESSION, 1726. BRADFORD IMPRINT. Anno Regni | Georgii | Regis | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ | Duodecimo. | At a Sessions of the General Assembly for the Pro- | vince of New-York, begun the 5th of April, 1726. and con- | tinued to the 17th of June following, at which time the fol- | lowing Acts were Passed and Published. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), full straight-grain morocco, gilt fillets on sides, gilt back and top, outer edges of three leaves cut close, BY STIKEMAN. [New York:] Printed and Sold by William Bradford, Printer to the King's most Ex- | cellent Majesty, for the Province of New-York, 1726

[See Illustration]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 46.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 346; *Tower*, No. 614; *Evans*, No. 2786; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, No. 70.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; P. R. O.; B. A. N. Y.; L. C. (Imperfect); N. Y. S.

Among the Acts is one relative to the building of Fort George.

Anno Regni  
**GEORGGII**  
REGIS

*Magne Britannia, Franciæ & Hiberniæ*

DUODECIMO.

At a Sessions of the General Assembly for the Province of *New-York*, begun the 5<sup>th</sup> of *April*, 1726. and continued to the 17<sup>th</sup> of *June* following, at which time the following Acts were Passed and Published.

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Printed and Sold by *William Bradford*, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty, for the Province of *New-York*, 1726.

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335. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1691-1725, BRADFORD IMPRINT.  
Acts | of | Assembly | Passed in the | Province of Nevv-York; |  
From 1691, to 1725. | Examined and Compared with the Orig-  
inals in the | Secretary's Office. | Small folio (12¼ by 7¼),  
half blue crushed levant morocco, writing on title-page, a slight  
stain on few of top margins.

[New York:] Printed and Sold by William Bradford, Printer  
to the King's most Excellent | Majesty for the Province of New-  
York, 1726

COMPLETE COPY OF THE FIFTH REVISION OF THE LAWS OF NEW YORK,  
WITH ALL THE ORDINANCES. The page-numbers are irregular, a printer's error.

COLLATION: Title, one page, verso blank; Index and Alphabetical Table,  
8 pp.; Acts, pp. 1-319, numbered,—1-30, 13, 32-50, 49, 48-57, 85, 59-73,  
75, 74, 76-109, 1011, 1001, 1021, 113-124, 121-129, 103, 131-197, 189, 199-  
219, 210, 211-214, 225-252, 261-316, 251, 318-319, verso of last blank.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING,—

An Ordinance for Regulating and Establishing Fees. | By his Excellency  
Robert Hunter . . . 1710. 12pp. [Tower calls for 20pp.];

An Ordinance for Regulating and Establishing the Fees | . . . Court of  
Chancery | in the Province of New-York. | 4pp.;

An | Ordinance | For | Regulating the Recording of Deeds and other |  
Writings. | By his Excellency William Burnet. 2pp., corners rounded.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 331; *Tower*, No. 613; *Evans*, No. 2785. Not in  
Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; H. L.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.;  
L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; C. U.

336. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1691-1725, BRADFORD IMPRINT,  
Acts | of | Assembly | Passed in the | Province of Nevv-York, |  
From 1691, to 1725. | Examined and Compared with the Orig-  
inals in the | Secretary's Office. | [Arms.] | Small folio (12¼ by  
7⅞), original sheep, binding somewhat worn and a small piece of  
lower corner of title-page torn off.

[New York:] Printed and Sold by William Bradford, Printer  
to the King's most Excellent | Majesty for the Province of New-  
York, 1726

FINE COPY OF THE FIFTH REVISION OF THE LAWS OF NEW YORK, WITH ALL  
THE ORDINANCES, AND THE ORIGINAL BLANK END-PAPERS. The page-numbers  
are irregular, and vary slightly from those given in the preceding copy.

With Armorial Chippendale book-plate of Rufus Chandler, engraved by  
N. Hurd, and so signed.

COLLATION: Title, one page, verso blank; Index and Alphabetical Table,  
8 pp.; Acts, pp. 1-319, numbered,—1-30, 13, 32-50, 49, 48, 49, 54-60, 57,  
85, 59-73, 75, 74, 76-109, 1011, 1001, 1021, 113-124, 121-129, 103, 131-197,  
189, 199-219, 210, 211-214, 225-252, 261-319, verso of last blank;

ALSO, THE FOLLOWING,—

An Ordinance for Regulating and Establishing Fees. | By his Excellency  
Robert Hunter . . . 1710. 12pp.;

An Ordinance for Regulating and Establishing Fees | . . . Court of Chan-  
cery | in the Province of New-York. 4pp.;

AN | ORDINANCE | For | Regulating the Recording of Deeds and other |  
Writings. | By his Excellency William Burnet. . . . [1723] 2pp.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 331; *Tower*, No. 613; *Evans*, No. 2785. Not in  
Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

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THE  
CHARGE  
Given by The  
CHIEF JUSTICE  
OF THE  
*Province of NEW-YORK,*  
TO THE  
GRAND JURY  
OF  
The CITY of *NEW-YORK,*  
In March Term, 1726-7.

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*Printed at the Request of the said Grand Jury.*

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*New-York, Printed and sold by John Peter Zenger, 1727. (.pr. 6 d.)*

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337. NEW YORK. CHARGE OF CHIEF JUSTICE MORRIS, 1727. ZENGER IMPRINT. The | Charge | Given by The | Chief Justice | of the | Province of New-York, | to the Grand Jury | of | The City of New-York, | In March Term, 1726-7. | Printed at the Request of the said Grand Jury. | Small 4to (7¾ by 6¼), sewed, uncut. In cloth folder and brown crushed levant morocco back slip-case. New-York, Printed and sold by John Peter Zenger, 1727. (pr. 6 d.)

[See Illustration]

A SPLENDID COPY, ENTIRELY UNCUT, AS ISSUED.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Charge, pp. [3]-19.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 360; *Sabin*, No. 12024; *Evans*, No. 2933; *Rutherford*, Page 139, where the same is listed as No. 9 of the Zenger Press which was established in 1726; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 96.

COPIES LOCATED: Only one other copy known, that in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, exhibited in the Bradford Exhibition held by the Grolier Club of New York in 1893, and which copy is trimmed on two sides, has two holes in last leaf and first four words on last line of page 17 without ink.

"The Chief Justice was Lewis Morris. In defining the various indicated crimes, he says: 'As to the several kinds of Witchcraft, our Laws, I think, are a little obscure, and I hope we are so far West as to know nothing of it but by name.'"—GROLIER CLUB CATALOGUE, No. 96.

Docketed in manuscript on last leaf,—“Charge by The Chife (sic) Justice *Morris* To The Grand Jury. in March Term, 1726 / 7.” The word *Morris* is in Chief Justice Morris's own hand.

338. NEW YORK. PALMER VERSUS VAN CORTLAND, 1727. BRADFORD IMPRINT. Obadiah Palmer, Nehemiah Palmer, Sylvanus | Palmer, Solomon Palmer, Josiah Quenby, Tho. | Townsend, Richard Cornwall and Henry Cock, | Complainants | Against | Jacobus van Cortland & Adolph Philipse, Defendants, | In Cancellaria Novæ Eborac. | Folio (13½ by 8), full crimson crushed levant morocco, uncut, janseneste, lettered up back, BY BRAD-STREETS. Top margin of last leaf, outer corner of first leaf and inner corner of next to last leaf skilfully inlaid with new paper. [New York: Printed by William Bradford, 1727]

[See Illustration]

SPLENDID COPY, ENTIRELY UNCUT, OF THIS EXCESSIVELY RARE ITEM. ONE OF THREE PERFECT COPIES, WITH FULL AND COMPLETE ADDENDA KNOWN.

COLLATION: Caption as above, followed by text, pp. 1-22; APPENDIX | To the Decree in the Suit of Palmer, & others, | Complaints | Against Philipse, and others, Defendants. pp. 23-51; | Observations on the | Answer | In General | pp. 51-54; OBSERVATIONS | on the | Clamours, | pp. 55-58. At the foot of page 22 is the printer's ornament.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 361; *Sabin*, No. 58366; *Evans*, No. 2940; *Grolier Club Exhibition* 1893, No. 72.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; A. A. S.

"This action was brought to determine the bounds of the 'Great Neck' at Mamaroneck, and to establish a partition between the parties."—SABIN.

For Item relative to the Proceedings of the Assembly of New Jersey, in their Resolves touching a separate Governor. See,—New Jersey, No. 267.



Obadiah Palmer, Nehemiah Palmer, Sylvanus  
Palmer, Solomon Palmer, Josiah Quenby. Tho.  
Townsend, Richard Cornwall and Henry Cock,  
*Complainants*

A G A I N S T

*Jacobus van Cortland & Adolph Philipse*, Defendants,

In Cancellaria Novæ Eborac.

**T**He Decree in this Cause contains the Bill of Complaint and the Defendants Answer both at length, the Bill being 173 Sheets, and the Answer 199 Sheets, which was done because the Defendants, by their Council, insisted on having the Answer at length, and therefore the Complainants insisted, in like manner, on having their Bill at length, inserted in the Decree.

The Cause depending on the Construction of Deeds, the Court thought it proper that the Deeds should be taken in at length, in order that it might always appear whether the Construction, put upon them by the Court, be just, and that there might be no pretence of Deceit, in taking in Paragraphs which make one way, and leaving out the Paragraphs thereof which make the contrary way.

That part of the Decree which contains the material Deeds, and the Construction that the Court put upon them, is in the words following,

**A**Nd this Cause then standing in Court upon Bill and Answer, the twenty eighth day of April last; was appointed by this Court for the Hearing thereof: On which Day the same coming to be heard and debated accordingly, in presence of Council learned on both sides, the substance of the Complainants Bill, and the Defendants Answer, appeared to be as herein before set forth; and the material Writings confessed, discovered and referred to; by the Defendants Answer, appeared to be in these words,

**F**RANCIS LOVELACE, Esq; Governour General  
under his Royal Highness James Duke of York,  
Albany, &c of all his Territories in America, To all to  
whom these presents shall come, Sendeth Greeting.  
Whereas there is a certain parcel or tract of Land within  
this Government, upon the Main, contained in three Necks, of which the  
Eastermost is bounded with a Small River, called, Mamaroneck River, being  
also the East bounds or limits of this Government, upon the Main, and the  
Westermost with the gravelly or Stony Brook or River, which makes the  
East Limits of the Land known by the name of Mr. Pells Purchase, having to  
the South the Sound, and Running Northward from the marked Trees upon the  
said Necks, Twenty Miles into the woods; which said parcel or tract of Land

Governor Lovelace's  
Patent in 1668. under  
which both Parties  
claim.

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339. NEW YORK. ORDINANCE, 1728. BRADFORD IMPRINT. [Royal Arms.] | An | Ordinance | For | Regulating and Establishing the Fees to be hereafter | Taken by the Officers of the | Court of Chancery | Of the Province of New-York. | [Dated and signed, at end] . . . the Twenty Eighth day of | February, in the first Year of Our Reign, Annoq; Domini 1727-8. | Is. Bobin, D. Secry. | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), uncut edges, half blue crushed levant morocco, lettered up back. [Colophon.] Printed and Sold by William Bradford, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty for | the Province of New-York [1728]

FINE COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE ORDINANCE.

COLLATION: pp. 4.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 378; *Tower*, No. 618; *Evans*, No. 3076. Not in Grolier Club Exhibition, 1893.

COPIES LOCATED: P. R. O.; H. S. P.; H. L.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; L. C.; N. Y. S.

340. NEW YORK. ALEXANDER AND SMITH IN THE CASE OF ZENGER, 1735. The Complaint of James Alexander and | William Smith to the Committee of | the General Assembly of the Colony | of New-York, &c. | Small folio (12 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut. In cloth folder and crimson crushed levant morocco back slip-case. [New York: Printed by John Peter Zenger, 1735]

[See Illustration]

FINE, LARGE AND ENTIRELY UNCUT COPY OF THIS RARE ITEM.

COLLATION: Caption, as above, at top of first page, below three type lines, followed by text, pp. 19, 1 blank. Dated at end, December 27, 1753.

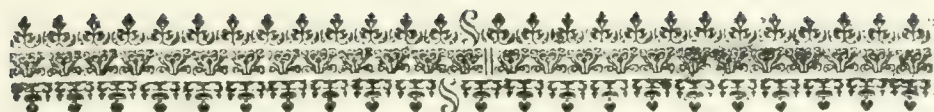
REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 500; *Sabin*, No. 729; *Evans*, No. 3864; *Rutherford*, Page 153; *Grolier Club Exhibition*, 1893, No. 103.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L.; De Puy Collection.

Alexander and Smith, Counsel for Zenger, having raised a point as to the legality of the Court, were immediately disbarred. Their Complaint to the Assembly on this Act of the Court was printed by Zenger, of which the above is a copy.

This Petition was presented to the Assembly on October 22, 1735, and reported to the Committee on Grievances. On October 24 it was ordered that a copy of the same be served on the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court within 20 days, and that the Judge make answer within 40 days.

James Alexander was elected to the Assembly in 1737. On September 16, 1731 he was prohibited from acting as Counsellor while he was a member of the Assembly.



# The Complaint of *James Alexander* and *William Smith* to the Committee of the General Assembly of the Colony of *New-York*, &c.

Mr. Chairman ;

**I** T is with the utmost Regret, that we attend this Committee in the Quality of Complainants ; but the Matter of it too nearly affects us and the Liberties of this Country, to be buried in Silence. Had our personal Interests been solely concerned, we might have rested in a patient Expectation of a personal Remedy in some other Way : But when the Liberties of a Country are at Stake, and the Civil Enjoyments of a People sap'd at the very Foundation of them, it behoves every Man that loves his Country to try out and give publick Warning of the Danger. This Duty incumbent upon all, engages us in particular, to inform you, That in the Term of April last, we, in the Case of *John Peter Zenger*, then depending in the Supream Court, filed Exceptions to the Commissions of the Justices there : The Tenour whereof follows.

The Attorney General, }  
against } Upon an Information for a Misdemeanour.  
*John Peter Zenger.*

Exceptions humbly offered by *John Peter Zenger*,  
to the Power of the Honourable *James De Lancey*,  
Esq; to judge in this Cause.

The Defendant comes and prays Hearing of the  
Commission, by Virtue of which the Honourable  
*James De Lancey*, Esq; claims the Power and Au-  
thority to judge in this Cause, and it is read unto  
him in these Words;

‘GEORGE the second by the Grace of God, of  
Great Brittain, France & Ireland, King, Defender  
of the Faith, &c. To Our trusty & welbelov’d James  
De Lancey, Esq; Greeting We reposing especial Trust &  
Confidence in your Integrity, Ability & Learning, have  
assigned, constituted and appointed, and We do by  
these Presents assign, constitute and appoint you the said  
James De Lancey, to be Chief Justice in and over  
our Province of New-York, in America, in the Room  
of Lewis Morris, Esq; Going and by these Presents  
granting unto you, full Power and lawful Authority,  
to hear, try and determine all Pleas whatsoever, civil,  
criminal and mixt, according to the Laws, Statutes  
and Customs of Our Kingdom of England, and the  
Laws and Usages of Our said Province of New-York,  
not being repugnant thereto, and Execution of all  
Judgments of the said Court to award, and to make

‘such Rules and Orders in the said Court, as may be  
‘found convenient and useful, and as near as may be a-  
‘greeable to the Rules and Orders of Our Courts of  
‘King’s Bench, Common Pleas, and Exchequer in Eng-  
‘land. To have hold and enjoy the said Office or Place  
‘of Chief Justice in and over Our said Province, with  
‘all and singular the Rights, Priviledges Profits  
‘Advantages, Salaries, Fees and Perquisites unto the  
‘said Place belonging, or in any Ways appertaining, in  
‘as full and ample Manner as any Person heretofore  
‘Chief Justice of Our said Province hath held and en-  
‘joyed, or of Right ought to have held and enjoyed the  
‘same. To you the said James De Lancey, for and  
‘DURING OUR WILL AND PLEASURE. In  
‘Testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to  
‘be made Patent, and the great Seal of Our said Pro-  
‘vince of New-York to be hereunto affixed. Witness  
‘Our trusty and welbelov’d William Cosby, Esq; Our  
‘Captain General and Governour in Chief of Our Pro-  
‘vinces of New-York, New-Jersey, and Terri-  
‘tories thereon depending in America, Vice Admiral of  
‘the same, & Colonel in Our Army, &c at Fort George  
‘in New-York, the Twenty first Day of August, in the  
‘seventh Year of Our Reign, & Anno Domini, 1733.

Which being read and heard, the said *John Peter*  
*Zenger*, by Protestation not confessing nor submit-  
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NEW YORK

341. NEW YORK. DOCUMENT BY R. BRADLEY, COLONIAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF NEW YORK, 1748. Document Signed, three pages folio, New York, May 16, 1748. To "The Honble George Clarke, Esqr. His Majesties Lieut. Govr. & Commander in Chief of the Province of New-York."

Warrant appointing "George Clarke the Younger Esqr our Secretary for our Province of New York in America."

342. NEW YORK. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1751. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Vicesimo Quinto. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of | New-York, held at City-Hall in New-York; | begun the First of October, 1751, and Continued by diverse | Adjournments to the Twenty-fifth of November following, | in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign | Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of | Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of | the Faith, &c. | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (14¼ by 9¼), uncut edges, vellum, lettered in gilt, Kelmscot style.

New-York: | Printed and Sold by James Parker, at the New Printing-Office, in | Beaver-Street, M,DCC,LI. [1751]

FINE COPY WITH EDGES ENTIRELY UNCUT. THE ONLY PERFECT COPY KNOWN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank: Acts, pp. 3-30 (corner of last leaf torn); Table, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: Not in *Tower* or *Hasse*. *Evans*, No. 6733, gives a title varying somewhat from the above, but fails to locate a copy. There is a defective copy in the New York Public Library.

These Acts immediately precede the Laws of 1752. Four of the same are contained in the first volume of the Smith and Livingston Collection of Laws for 1751, the others are referred to by title only. See Note, page 445, Vol. I. of the same.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

With illustrated book-plate of A. C. Bernheim, engraved by E. D. French. Has autograph signature of P. V. B. *Livingston*, of the New York Provincial Congress, on title.

343. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1752. Laws | of | New-York, | From | The Year 1691, to 1751, inclusive. | Published according to an Act of the General | Assembly. | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (14½ by 9¼), rebound in full calf, leather labels, title-page torn across and at margin.

New-York: | Printed by James Parker, Printer to the Government, at the New | Printing-Office, in Beaver-Street, MDCCCLII.

[1752]

UNIQUE COPY OF THE LARGE PAPER EDITION OF THE FIRST VOLUME LAWS OF NEW YORK DIGESTED BY WILLIAM LIVINGSTON AND WILLIAM SMITH, JR. FINE COPY, WITH WIDE MARGINS. For Second Volume see following title.

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### 343. NEW YORK. LAWS OF 1752: *Continued.*

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; List of Subscribers, 2 leaves, verso of last blank; Preface, pp. i-iii, verso of last blank; Acts, pp. 1-455, verso of last blank; Index, pp. 457-488; Errata, one leaf, verso blank; followed by 98 pages of MANUSCRIPT ENTIRELY IN THE AUTOGRAPH OF WILLIAM SMITH, JR., AND RELATIVE TO THE AGREEMENTS REFERRING TO THE CONNECTICUT-NEW YORK BOUNDARY, with Index to same.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 774; *Tower*, No. 624; *Evans*, No. 6897. Not in *Sabin*.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.

THIS IS WILLIAM SMITH'S (ONE OF THE COMPILERS) OWN COPY, THE MANUSCRIPT ADDITIONAL LAWS ARE ENTIRELY IN HIS AUTOGRAPH, AS WELL AS THE NUMEROUS MARGINAL NOTES, MANY OF THE LATTER COVER NEARLY THE ENTIRE MARGIN, AND REFER TO THE ACTS CITED IN THE TEXT, GIVING A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE SAME AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING THEM. On the title-page is his autograph signature,—*Wm. Smith Jun.*

Laid in is a one-page Signed Autograph Letter by William Smith, Jun., Dated, Huntington, November 22, 1774, to his daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Aspinwall of New York, referring to the death of his daughter Caty; Also, Document, Signed in the autographs of *Whitehead Hicks*, *Wil. Livingston* and *Wm. Smith, Jun.* (the last two compilers of the above laws), as a Committee to Referee in the case of *John Wood vs. Samuel Bayard*, New York, April 25, 1759.

The additional manuscript material at end contains,—copy of the Agreement concerning Limits of New York and Connecticut, in 1664; King William's approbation of the Agreement in 1683 and Survey in 1684; King William's Letter, March 29, 1700; Third Agreement in 1725 pursuant to which the Lines were finished, May 14, 1731; Report of an Actual Survey pursuant to the last Agreement; The Instrument certifying the Actual Execution of the Agreement in 1725; Copy of Patent to Sir Joseph Eyles, May 15, 1731; Queries by New Proprietors under Stanley's Patent, June 8, 1731; The Answer to Dudley Ryder, to the above Queries; Minutes of Council as to the Petition of Livingston, Jr.; Duke's Laws of 1755; etc.

344. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1762. Laws | of | New-York, | From | The  
11th Nov. 1752, to 22nd May 1762. | Published according to  
an Order of the General Assembly. | The | Second Volume, |  
with | A Table common to both Volumes. | [Arms of New York.] |  
Digested by William Livingston, And | William Smith, jun. |  
Folio (14 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), original calf, leather label, binding worn.  
New-York: | Printed by William Weyman, Printer to the Govern-  
ment, at the New | Printing-Office in Broad-Street, MDCCLXII.  
[1762]

GOOD SOUND AND PERFECT COPY OF THE THICK-PAPER ISSUE. With four blank leaves at front and 26 blank leaves at end.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Errata, one leaf, verso blank; List of Subscribers, 2 leaves, verso of last blank; Acts, pp. 1-263, verso of last blank; Index, pp. 265-268.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 625; *Sabin*, No. 53732; *Evans*, No. 9213.  
See preceding item for Vol. I of this compilation.

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345. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1752-1762. Laws | of | New-York, | From | The Year 1691, to 1751, inclusive. | [Vol. I. of the Livingston-Smith compilation.] New York: James Parker, 1752. Some pages stained; [ALSO] Laws | of | New-York, | From | The 11th Nov. 1752, to 22d May 1762. | The | Second Volume. | Digested by William Livingston, And | William Smith, jun. New-York: William Weyman, 1762. Together, 2 vols. small folio (12 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), rebound in full calf, leather labels. New York, 1752-1762

THE TWO VOLUMES COMPLETE. The first has signature of *P. V. B. Livingston* on title-page. This is the Livingston born at Elizabeth, New Jersey, who settled in New York after graduating from Yale University in 1731. He was a Delegate to the First and Second Provincial Congress of New York, 1775-1776.

For a full collation and title-pages, see the two preceding items. This copy does not however contain the additional manuscript by Smith.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. S. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; B. C.

346. NEW YORK. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1752. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis, | Magnæ Britanniaë, | Franciaë & Hiberniaë, | Vicesimo Sexto. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of | New-York, held at the House of Jacob Dyckman, | in the Out-Ward of the City of New-York; begun the | Twenty-fourth of October, 1752, and continued by diverse | Adjournments to the Eleventh of November following, | in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord | George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great- | Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the | Faith, &c. | [Arms of New York.] | Small folio (13 by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), half red crushed levant morocco, lettered up back, a small piece of the blank right-hand top corners of title and first leaf missing, a new piece inserted.

New York: | Printed and Sold by James Parker, at the New Printing-Office, in | Beaver-Street, M,DCC,LII. [1752]

OF EXCESSIVE RARITY. THE ONLY KNOWN COPY.

The William Smith, Jr., copy.

One margin has contemporary manuscript referring to the Act on Strong Liquors.

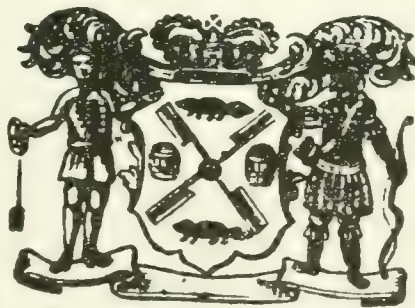
COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 1-13, this last has Table, verso blank. Pages 6 and 7 are wrongly numbered 7 and 8.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Evans, or Hasse.

Anno Regni  
*G E O R G I I I* II.  
R E G I S

MAGNÆ BRITANNIÆ, FRANCIÆ & HIBERNIÆ,  
VICESIMO SEPTIMO.

At a SESSION of the General Assembly of the Colony of  
*NEW-YORK*, held at the House of *Benjamin Hinchman*,  
at *Jamaica*, in *Queens-County*; began the Thirtieth Day of  
*May*, 1753, and continued by diverse Adjournments to the  
Fourth of *July* following, in the Twenty-Seventh Year of  
the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Second,  
by the Grace of GOD, of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*,  
KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.



*NEW-YORK:*

Printed and Sold by *JAMES PARKER*, at the New Printing-Office,  
in *Beaver-Street*, 1753. .



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347. NEW YORK. JULY SESSION, 1753. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Vicesimo Septimo. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of | New York, held at the House of Benjamin Hinchman, | at Jamaica, in Queens-County; began the Thirtieth Day of | May, 1753, and continued by diverse Adjournments to the | Fourth of July following, in the Twenty-Seventh Year of | the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, | by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, | King, Defender of the Faith, &c. | [Arms of New York.] | Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered up back. New-York: | Printed and Sold by James Parker, at the New Printing-Office, | in Beaver-Street. 1753

[See Illustration]

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REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

Among other Acts is one for Raising a sum of Money by a Public Lottery, for a further Provision towards the founding of a College in the Province of New York.

348. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1753. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Vicesimo Septimo. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of | New-York, held at the City-Hall in the City of New- | York; began the Thirtieth Day of October, 1753, and | continued by diverse Adjournments to the Twelfth Day of | December following, in the Twenty-Seventh Year of the | Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the | Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, | King, Defender of the Faith, &c. | [Arms of New York.] | Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, slight stain on title. New-York: | Printed and Sold by James Parker, at the New-Printing-Office, | in Beaver-Street. 1754

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REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

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HIS EXCELLENCY

Sir *CHARLES HARDY*, Knt.

Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province  
of *New-York*, and Territories thereon depending  
in AMERICA, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

*By the* AUTHOR *of a Weekly Paper,*

ENTITLED,

*The* W A T C H - T O W E R.



*N E W - Y O R K :*

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# THE BENEDICT COLLECTION OF EARLY AMERICAN LAWS

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349. NEW YORK. MAY SESSION, 1754. Anno vicesimo septimo Georgii secundi Regis. | Acts passed at Two Sessions of the General | Assembly of the Colony of New-York, held at | the City-Hall, in the City of New-York; one | begun the Ninth Day of April, 1754, and | continued by diverse Adjournments to the First of | May following; and the other begun the Second | of May, 1754, and continued by diverse Adjourn- | ments to the Fourth Day of said Month following, ||||| Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back. [New-York: Printed and Sold by James Parker, 1754]

THE ONLY KNOWN COPY AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE ONE.

The William Smith, Jr., copy.

COLLATION: Acts, pp. 1-4, the title as given above appears at top of first page, the first line being between ruled lines.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

350. NEW YORK. AUGUST SESSION, 1754. Anno vicesimo octimo Georgii secundi Regis [Within print-lines]. | Chap. I. | An Act for paying Five Thousand Pounds, for | and towards assisting the Colonies of Virginia and Pennsylvania, | to disposes the French and Indians, who have settled and | erected Forts on His Majesty's Lands, on the River Ohio, and | Parts adjacent thereto. | [Colophon.] This Act was published the 29th Day of August, 1754. Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

[New-York: Printed and Sold by James Parker, 1754]

FINE COPY. ONE OF TWO KNOWN COPIES.

The William Smith, Jr., copy.

COLLATION: p. I., verso blank. BROADSIDE FORM.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 789; *Evans*, No. 7272; Not in Tower Collection.

COPIES LOCATED: P. R. O.

An exceedingly fine item of French and Indian War interest, relative to the campaign under Braddock and Washington.

351. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION LAWS, 1754. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Vicesimo Octavo. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of | New-York, held at the City-Hall in the City of New- | York; began the Twentieth Day of August, 1754, and | continued by divers Adjournments to the Seventh Day of | December following, in the Twenty-Eighth Year of the | Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the | Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, | King, Defender of the Faith, &c. | [Arms of New York.] | Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

New-York: | Printed and Sold by James Parker, at the New-Printing-Office, | in Beaver-Street, 1755

THE ONLY KNOWN COPY. Lacks pages 31 to 44, covering an Act for Regulating the Militia, and portion of the following Act relative to a tax on Estates.

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351. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1754; *Continued.*

The William Smith, Jr., copy.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-29, Table at foot of last page covering preceding Acts; 45-67, verso of last blank; 69-89, verso of last blank; 91-100; Table of All Acts, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

Among the 35 Acts are two relative to the building of a fort at Crown-Point.

352. NEW YORK. ADDRESS BY WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, 1755. An | Address | to | His Excellency | Sir Charles Hardy, Knt. | Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province | of New-York | and Territories thereon depending | in America, and Vice-Admiral of the same. | By the Author of a Weekly Paper, | Entitled, | The Watch-Tower. | [Type ornaments.] | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), full crimson crushed levant morocco, janseneste. lettered up back, with inside gilt border.

New-York: | [Printed by Hugh Gaine,] M,DCC,LV. [1755]

[See Illustration]

SPLENDID COPY OF THIS EXCESSIVELY RARE ITEM OF WHICH ONLY TWO OTHER COPIES ARE KNOWN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Address, pp. iii-xiii, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 30352, where the printer is given as Zenger; *Evans*, No. 7451, where the author is cited, and the printer given as Gaine; *Ford's Bibliography of Gaine Imprints*, Page 93.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; N. Y. P.

This Address, published on the arrival of the new governor, was intended to inform him as to the state of the parties in the colony. It implorcs him to protect the rights of the people, and not to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors.

"*The Watch-Tower* was a series of essays printed in *The Mercury*, and edited by William Livingston." PAUL LEICESTER FORD.

353. NEW YORK. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1755. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniae Franciae, & Hiberniae, | Vicesimo Octavo. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the | Colony of New-York, held at the City-Hall | in the City of New-York; began the Twen- | tieth Day of August, 1754, and continued | by diverse Adjournments to the Nineteenth Day of February, 1755 . . . | [Four lines, and Royal Arms.] | Small 8vo (7 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half cardinal crushed levant morocco, uncut, title soiled and edges thumbled. In board slip-case.

New-York: | Printed by J. Parker, at the New-Printing-Office in | Beaver-Street, MDCCLV. [1755]

EXCEEDINGLY SCARCE. PERFECT AND THE ONLY COPY KNOWN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. [3]-47 verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 7510, where the title is given, but no collation and no copy located; Not in Tower, Hasse, or Sabin.

Of French and Indian War Interest. The entire volume is devoted to "An Act for regulating the Militia of the Colony of New-York."

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354. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1755. Anno vicesimo nono Georgii secundi Regis. [Session Laws for December, 1755, and July, 1756.] Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

[New-York: Printed and Sold by James Parker, 1756]

THE ONLY KNOWN COPY. Fine large copy, but lacking title-page.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: Acts, pp. 3-12 (at foot of last, "published the 22d of December, 1755"), 13-29 (at foot of last, "published the 19th Day of February, 1756"), 30-52 (at foot of last, "published the first Day of April, 1756"), 53-57 (at foot of last, "published the Fifth Day of May, 1756"), 58 blank, 59-65 (at foot of last, "pass'd the 9th July, 1756"); Table, p. [66].

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

Among the 31 Acts, is one relative to raising a detachment of Militia for the defence of the Frontier, and another for supplying troops for an Expedition against the French forces at Crown-Point.

355. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1756. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis Magnæ Britanniae, Franciae, & Hiberniae, | Trigesimo. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of | New-York, held at the City-Hall in New-York; | begun the Twenty-first of September, 1756, and continued | by divers Adjournments to the First of December following; | in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord | George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great- | Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the | Faith, &c. | [Arms of New York.] | Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back. New-York: | Printed and Sold by James Parker, at the New Printing-Office in | Beaver-Street, 1757

THE ONLY KNOWN COPY AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE ONE.

The William Smith, Jr. copy, with some of his manuscript annotations.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-41; Table, pp. [42].

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

Of the 15 Acts, one relates to erection of a STAMP-OFFICE in the Colony, another for Granting of several Duties on Imported merchandize.

356. NEW YORK. FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR BROADSIDE, 1757. [Royal Arms.] | By the Honourable | James De Lancey, Esq; | His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and | over the Province of New-York, and the Territories depending | thereon in America. | A PROCLAMATION. | . . . [Appoints] Wednesday the Thirteenth Day of July next [1757] . . . as a Day of solemn publick Prayer, Fasting and Humiliation . . . Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Fort-George, in the City of New-York, | the Twenty-first of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, . . . | | James De Lancey. | By His Honour's Command, | Gw. Banyar, Dep. Secry. | God

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356. NEW YORK. BROADSIDE, 1757: *Continued.*

Save the King. | Folio (15½ by 10¼), broadside, framed. Tear in old fold at center, some letters gnawed away.

[New York: Printed by James Parker (?) 1757]

A BROADSIDE OF EXCESSIVE RARITY, UNKNOWN TO BIBLIOGRAPHERS. NO COPY RECORDED AS SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE.

This Proclamation is for the success of his Majesty's arms (Oswego had but lately been captured by the French, and Fort Henry was soon to be taken by them also), and an honorable and lasting peace.

357. NEW YORK. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1757. Anno trigesimo Georgii secundi Regis. [Session Laws passed the 26th of February and the 24th of December, 1757.] Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

[New-York: Printed and Sold by James Parker, 1757-1758]

FINE COPY OF THESE TWO SESSION LAWS, both however without title-page The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: Acts, pp. 3-15 (at foot of last, "passed the 26th of February, 1757"), 16 blank; 3-22 (at foot of last, "passed the 24th Day of December, 1757"); Table [covering last Session], one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

Two separate Sessions in one volume, a few of the marginal notes are in Smith's manuscript. The first Session contains VII Acts, nearly all of which relate to the British forces in America in connection with the French and Indian War. Of the 13 Acts contained in the second Session, one relates to the erection of a STAMP-OFFICE in the Colony of New York.

COPIES LOCATED: B. L.

358. NEW YORK. MARCH SESSION, 1758. Extract | Of | An Act | of the | General-Assembly | of the | Colony of New-York. | Published the 24th of March, 1758. | Entitled, | An Act for raising, paying, and clothing Two | Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty effective | Men, Officers included, for forming an Army of | Twenty Thousand Men, with the Forces of the | neighbouring Colonies, to invade the French Pos- | sessions in Canada, in Conjunction with a Body of His Majesty's regular Troops; and other Pur- | poses therein mentioned. | [Royal crown.] | Small 8vo (8 by 5¼), half cardinal crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, uncut. In board slip-case.

New-York: | Printed by J. Parker, at the New-Printing- | Office in Beaver-Street, 1758

[See Illustration]

A SPLENDID EXAMPLE (though the margins are slightly soiled, as is to be expected), AND OF EXCESSIVE RARITY. COMPLETE AND THE ONLY COPY KNOWN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Act, pp. [1]-17, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 8211, where the title is given, but no collation, or copy mentioned; Not in Tower, Hasse, or Sabin.

Of French and Indian War Interest. The army raised was that which, under General Wolfe, later captured Quebec.



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359. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1758. Anno Regni | Georgii II. | Regis | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Trigesimo Secundo. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of | New York, held at Flatbush, in King's-County; | begun the Fifteenth of February 1757, and continued by | divers Adjournments, at the City of New-York, to the Six- | tenth of December 1758, in the Thirty Second Year of | the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second, | by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and | Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. | [Arms of New York.] | Small folio (13 by 8½), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back. New-York: | Printed and Sold by James Parker, at the New Printing-Office in | Beaver-Street, M,DCC,LIX. [1759]

FINE AND PERFECT COPY.

The William Smith, Jr. copy. A few of the margins contain his manuscript annotations.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 1-66; Table, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 8431; *Hasse*, No. 811. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: P. R. O.; B. L.

Of the 30 Acts contained herein, several relate to the Militia of New York and are of French and Indian War interest.

360. NEW YORK. MARCH SESSION, 1759. Extract | of | An Act | of the General-Assembly | of the | Colony of New-York. | Published the 7th of March, 1759. | Entitled, | An Act for raising a Supply of One Hundred Thousand | Pounds, for levying, paying, and cloathing, Two thousand six | hundred and eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming | an Army of Twenty Thousand Men, to invade, in Conjunction | with a Body of His-Majesty's Regular Troops, the French | Possessions in Canada; for emitting Bills of Credit for the like | Sum; and for sinking and cancelling the said Bills in short | Periods. | Small 8vo (8 by 5¼), half cardinal crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, uncut. In board slip-case. There is a small hole in title destroying two letters.

New-York: | Printed by W. Weyman, Printer to the | Govern-ment. [1759]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY OF EXCESSIVE RARITY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Act, pp. [1]-18.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 8435, where the collation is given as pp. 19, and the above mentioned copy located. Not in Tower, Hasse, Sabin, or Church.

COPIES LOCATED: M. H. S.

Of French and Indian War Interest as relating to supplies for the army under General Wolfe, which captured Quebec.

On the title-page is the inscription "*For Mr. Aaron Van Norhandt.*"

# EXTRACT

OF

An *ACT*

OF THE

GENERAL-ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Colony of *New-York.*

*Published the 24th of March, 1758.*

ENTITLED,

*An ACT for raising, paying, and cloathing Two Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty effective Men, Officers included, for forming an Army of Twenty Thousand Men; with the Forces of the neighbouring Colonies, to invade the French Possessions in Canada, in Conjunction with a Body of His Majesty's regular Troops; and other Purposes therein mentioned.*



NEW-YORK:

Printed by: *J. Parker*, at the New-Printing-Office in Beaver-Street, 1758.

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361. NEW YORK. MARCH SESSION, 1760. Extract of | An Act | of the | General-Assembly | of the | Colony of New-York. | Published the 22d of March, 1760. | Entitled, | An Act for levying, paying, and cloathing, Two Thousand | Six Hundred and Eighty effective Men, Officers included, for | forming an Army of Twenty Thousand Men, with the Forces | of the neighbouring Colonies, to reduce, in Conjunction with | His Majesty's Regular Troops, Montreal, and other Posts be- | longing to the French in Canada; for emitting Bills of Credit | for the Sum of Sixty Thousand Pounds, and for sinking and | cancelling the said Bills in short Periods. | Small 8vo (8 by 5¼), half cardinal crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, uncut. In board slip-case. New-York: | Printed and Sold by W. Weyman, | in Broad-street. [1760]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY OF EXCESSIVE RARITY. THE ONLY KNOWN COPY. COLLATION: Title and Act, pp. 16. The Acts start on verso of title.

REFERENCES: Unknown to Tower, Hasse, Evans, and Sabin.

Of French and Indian War Interest, as relating to the army under General Wolfe.

362. NEW YORK. FORM OF PRAYER, 1760. A | Form | of | Prayer | with | Thanksgiving | Proper to be used | In the Churches throughout the Province | of New-York, on Thursday the Twenty-third Day | of October, being the Day appointed, by Procla- | mation, for a General Thanksgiving, to Almighty | God, | For the Continuance of his Divine Presence and Blessing | with the Forces of our most Gracious Sovereign, em- | ploy'd in North-America, and to enable them, not | only to recover those Territories of which the French | had unjustly and perfidiously possess'd themselves, but | also to reduce the whole Country of Canada to the | Dominion of his Majesty, | Small 4to (7¾ by 6), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back. New-York: | Printed and Sold by W. Weyman, at his New-Printing Office, in Broad-street, | not far from the Exchange. MDCCLX, (Price 6d) [1760]

[See Illustration]

SPLENDID COPY, PERFECT, AND AN ITEM OF EXCESSIVE RARITY, UNKNOWN TO BIBLIOGRAPHERS AND THE ONLY KNOWN COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. [3]-8.

REFERENCES: Not in Sabin, Evans or Church.

OF FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR INTEREST. This tract was apparently printed early in the year 1760, and before the news of the Reduction of Quebec had been received.



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P R A Y E R  
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THANKSGIVING

Proper to be used

In the Churches throughout the Province  
of *New-York*, on *Thursday the Twenty-third Day*  
of October, being the Day appointed, by Procla-  
mation, for a General Thanksgiving, to Almighty  
G O D,

For the Continuance of his Divine Prefence and Blessing  
with the Forces of our most Gracious Sovereign, em-  
ploy'd in *North-America*, and to enable them, not  
only to recover those Territories of which the *French*  
had unjustly and perfidiously possess'd themselves, but  
also to reduce the whole Country of *Canada* to the  
Dominion of his Majesty,

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N E W - Y O R K :

Printed and Sold by W. WEYMAN, at his *New-Printing-Office*, in *Broad-street*,  
not far from the *Exchange*, MDCCLX, (Price 6d.)

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363. NEW YORK. APRIL SESSION, 1761. An | Act | of the | General-Assembly | of the | Colony of New-York, | Published the 4th of April, 1761. | Entitled, | An Act for raising, paying, and cloathing, Seventeen | Hundred and Eighty Seven effective Men, Officers included, | to be employed in securing his Majesty's Conquest in North- | America, and other Purposes therein mentioned. | Small 8vo (8 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), half cardinal crushed levant morocco, lettered up back, uncut. In cloth slip-case. New-York: | Printed and Sold by W. Weyman, Printer | to the Government [1761]

FINE, LARGE AND ENTIRELY UNCUT COPY. OF EXCESSIVE RARITY. THE ONLY COPY KNOWN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Act, pp. 3-16.

REFERENCES: Unknown to Tower, Hasse, Sabin and Evans. Of French and Indian War Interest.

364. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1762. [Laws of New-York.] | The Honourable Monckton, Governor. | [Passed the 11th of December, 1762.] Small folio (14 by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, slightly spotted, and four margins repaired.

[New-York: Printed by William Weyman, 1762]

ONE OF ONLY THREE KNOWN COPIES.

The William Smith, Jr. copy, with his signature.

COLLATION: pp. 269-308. The signatures are in twos,—3U, 3X, 3Y, 3Z, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F. The Acts are headed from Chap. CCLX to Chap. CCLXXXV, inclusive; Chap. CCLXVI being wrongly numbered Chap. CCLXI. The page captions are,—to left, "Laws of New York;" to right, "The Honourable Robert Monckton, Governor."

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S. L.; N. Y. S.

Among the Acts are those providing for Volunteers for the different Posts on the Frontiers, for quartering British troops in New York, the boundary Line between New York and New Jersey, etc. Of French and Indian War Interest.

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365. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1763. [Laws of New-York.] | Cadwallader Colden, Esq; Lieut. Governor. | [Type-line] | Governor Monckton having Leave to go to England, the Chief Command again devolved on | Cadwallader Colden, Esq; Lieutenant Governor. | The Twenty-first Assembly. | Fourth Sessions. | [Acts passed, December 13, 1763 to April 21st, 1764.] Small folio (13¾ by 8¾), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.  
[Colophon.] Printed by W. Weyman, in Broad-street, New-York, 1764

FINE COPY. ONE OF THREE KNOWN.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: pp. 309-357 (wrongly numbered 353). Signatures in twos,—4G, 4H, 4I, 4K, 4L, 4M, 4N, 4O, 4P, 4Q, 4R, and 4S in three. The Acts are headed, Chap. CCLXXXVI to CCCXV, inclusive. The page captions are,—to left, "Laws of New-York;" to right, "Cadwallader Colden, Esq; Lieut. Governor."

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.

REFERENCES: Not listed in Tower, Hasse or Evans.

The Acts include those for providing men and officers to be employed against the Western Indians, the Militia of the Colony of New-York, etc.

366. NEW YORK. OCTOBER SESSION, 1764. [Laws of New-York.] | Cadwallader Colden, Esq; Lieut. Governor. | [Passed October 20, 1764.] Small folio (13⅞ by 8¾), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, corner of first leaf repaired.  
[New-York: William Weyman, 1764]

ONE OF FOUR COPIES KNOWN.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: pp. 359-407, verso of last blank. Signatures in twos,—4T, 4U, 4X, 4Y, 4Z, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, and 5G in three. The Acts are headed Chap. CCCXVI to CCCLXIX, inclusive. The page captions are,—to left, "Laws of New-York," to right, "Cadwallader Colden, Esq; Lieut. Governor."

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.; A. A. S.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse or Evans.

Contains an Important Act relative to the Militia of New York, and one on the Settlement of the Partition Line between New York and Massachusetts.

367. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY VOTES, 1764. [Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, September 6 to October 17, 1764.] Small folio (12⅞ by 8), sewed, uncut.  
[New York: Printed by William Weyman, 1764]

EXCESSIVELY RARE. UNKNOWN TO BIBLIOGRAPHERS.

COLLATION: pp. 3-56. The title and all after page 56 wanting.

REFERENCES: Unknown to Sabin, Evans, or Hasse.



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368. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY JOURNALS, 1764-1765. Journal | of the | Votes and Proceedings | of the | General Assembly | Of the Colony of | New-York. | Began the 9th Day of April, 1691; | and | Ended the 27th of September, 1743. | Vol. I. [also, Vol. II. continued to December 23, 1765.] | Published by Order of the General Assembly. | [Royal Arms.] | 2 vols. folio (14¼ by 9½), original sheep, bindings worn.  
New-York: | Printed by Hugh Gainé . . . | . . . M,DCC,LXIV.  
[1764-1766]

BOTH VOLUMES ARE PERFECT AS TO INTERIOR. The signature of J. Ogden Hoffman appears on one title, and a note reads "Bound by Robert McAlpine."

COLLATION: Vol. I. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. [iii]-iv; Journal, pp. [1]-840; Appendix, pp. [2]; Vol. II. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Journal, pp. 1-811; Index, pp. viii.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53719; *Evans*, Nos. 9756 and 10418; *Ford's Issues of Gainé's Press*, Pages 113 and 116.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. H. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.

Edited by Abraham Lott. This is the largest issue from Gainé's Press, as well as the first piece of government printing he secured. The first volume contains the RARE LEAF OF APPENDIX containing "An Act for Reversing the Attainder of Jacob Leister, and others." This leaf is often missing.

369. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS, 1765. [Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, November 29 to December 14, 1765.] Small folio (12¾ by 7½), sewed, uncut. [New York: Printed by William Weyman, 1765]

EXCESSIVELY RARE. UNKNOWN TO BIBLIOGRAPHERS.

COLLATION: pp. 15-42. Pages 19 and 31 have the following caption,—Votes and Proceedings | of the | General Assembly | Of the Colony of New-York. | The former with date *2d December, 1765*; the latter, *9th December, 1765*.

REFERENCES: Unknown to *Sabin*, *Evans*, or *Hasse*.

370. NEW YORK. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1765. [Laws of New-York.] | Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | [Type-line.] | On the 12th Day of November, 1765, His Excellency Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, | arrived from England, and assumed the Government, by Commission from his | Majesty bearing Date, Westminster the 19th Day of July, 1765. | [Type-line.] The Twenty-first Assembly. | [Acts passed December 23, 1765.] Small folio (13¾ by 8¾), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back. [Colophon.] New-York: | Printed by W. Weyman, in Broad-Street, where a few Copies may be had. | [1765]

FINE COPY. ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: pp. 409-440. Signatures in twos,—5H, 5I, 5K, 5L, 5M, 5N, 5O, 5P. The Acts have chapter headings, the first being Chap. CCCLXX, and the last CCCLXXII. In all 22 acts. The page captions are,—to left, "Laws of New-York"; to right, "Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor."

REFERENCES: Not in *Tower*, *Hasse*, or *Evans*.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.

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371. NEW YORK. JULY SESSION, 1766. [Laws of New-York.] | Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | [Type-line.] | The Twenty-first Assembly. | [Acts passed the 3rd of July, 1766.] Small folio (13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

[Colophon.] New-York: Printed by W. Weyman, in Broad-Street. [1766]

FINE COPY. ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: pp. 441-444. Signature, 5Q, in two. Acts headed, Chap. CCCLXXIV to CCCLXXVII, inclusive. Caption at top of pages,—to left, "Laws of New-York;" to right, "Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor."

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.

The Acts relate to the furnishing of the Barracks of the Cities of New-York and Albany, the erecting of certain lands on the West Side of Connecticut River into a seperate County, etc.

372. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1766. [Laws of New-York.] | Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | [Acts passed December 19th, 1766 to June 6, 1767.] Small folio (13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

[New-York: Printed by W. Weyman, 1767]

FINE COPY AND ONE OF THREE KNOWN.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: pp. 445-269. Signatures in twos,—5R, 5S, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Y, and 5Z. The Chapters commence with No. CCCLXXVIII and end with CCCC. The page headings read,—to left, "Laws of New-York;" to right, "Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor."

REFERENCES: Not in Tower, Hasse, or Evans.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.

373. NEW YORK. ORDINANCES, 1761-1768. A HIGHLY IMPORTANT COLLECTION. [1] An Ordinance, | Declaring the Commencement and Duration of the | several Terms, and Powers and Jurisdiction of the Supreme | Court, as also the Times of holding the Circuit Courts, in the | respective Counties, within the Province of New-York. | [At end] . . . at our Fort-George, in our | City of New-York, the seventh Day of October, the Year of our Lord, | One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-One, and our Reign [George III.] the First. | [Signed] Clarke. 2 pages. [New York: Printed by W. Weyman, 1761 (?);] [2] Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | An Ordinance, | For regulating and establishing the Fees to be hereafter | taken, by the Officers of the Court of Chancery, of the Province | of New-York. | George the Third, . . . | [at end] . . . at our Fort, in our City of New-York, | the eigh-

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373. NEW YORK. ORDINANCES, 1761-1768: *Continued.*

teenth Day of May, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven | Hundred and Sixty-Eight, and in the eighth Year of our Reign. | H. Moore, Passed the Secretary's Office. Clarke. | 4 pages, numbered, 1-4. [New York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1768;] [3] Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | An Ordinance, | For regulating and establishing the Fees to be taken | by the Officers of the Supreme Court, and Court of Errors, | before the Governor and Council, and the Inferior Courts of Sessions, Common Pleas and Mayor's Courts; and of the Courts | for Tryal of Causes to the Value of, Five Pounds, and under; | in the Province of New-York. | George the Third . . . | [At end] . . . at our Fort, | in our City of New-York . . . | . . . the eighteenth Day of May, in the Year of our | Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Eight, in the Year | of our Reign. H. Moore. Passed the Secretary's Office. Clarke. | 8 pages, numbered, 1-8. [New York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1768;] [4] Sir Henry Moore, Baronet. | An Ordinance, | For prolonging the Sitting of the Annual Circuit Court | for the County of Albany. | George the Third . . . | [At end] . . . at our Fort in our City of New-York, the Eighteenth Day of May, | in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight . . . | | [On verso.] Proclamation. | By His Excellency | Sir Henry Moore, Baronet. | [Establishing Sittings for the Court of Chancery to be held at stated times in the City-Hall, of New York City.] Given . . . | . . . the ninth Day of January, 1767 . . . | 2 pages, numbered, 1-2. [New York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1768;] [5] Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | An Ordinance for establishing a Court of Common Pleas, and | a Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Cumberland, in | the Province of New-York. | At] end] . . . at our Fort, in our City of New York . . . | . . . the seventh Day of April, | in the Year of our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight . . . | | 2 pages, numbered, 571-572, the first wrongly paged 471. [Colophon.] New-York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, Printer to the Government, | M,DCC,-LX,VIII. The 5 ordinances bound in one vol. small folio (13¾ by 8¾), half crimson crushed levant morocoo, lettered on back.  
New York, 1767-1768

FIVE EXCEEDINGLY RARE PROCLAMATIONS; THE FIRST FOUR UNKNOWN TO BIBLIOGRAPHERS, the last listed by Evans [No. 11001] and Ford [Page 120], as belonging to the Acts of Assembly for 1768.

"On January 15th, at his own request, Weyman was 'discharged from the office of Public Printer,' and Hugh Gaine was appointed in his stead."—FORD, *Bibliography of the Issues of Gaine's Press*.

COPIES LOCATED: Of the first four only one other copy is located of each, that in the Bar Association of New York.



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374. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1767. [Laws of New-York.] | Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | [Acts passed December 21, 1767 to February 6, 1768.] Small folio (13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.  
[New-York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1768]

ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES.

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: pp. 471-568. Signatures in twos,—6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F, 6G, 6H, 6I, 6K, 6L, 6M, 6N, 6O, 6P, 6Q, 6R, 6S, 6T, 6U, 6X, 6Y, 6Z, 7A, and 7B, the last in one. The catchword on last page is "Letters." There is however, a printer's mark, which would indicate that this section is complete in itself.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower; *Evans*, No. 11001, and *Ford*, Page 120, both give pagination as 471-572.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.

The "Acts of Parliament" intended for "Laws of New-York," and which were repealed in 1770, occupy pages 475 to 523. These are the various "Acts of Parliament" specified in the text of the Act, and are here printed in full. They are not to be found anywhere else, not even in the original written copies in the Secretary of States Office, nor in the 5 volume reprint of *Colonial Laws* issued by the State of New York in 1894.

375. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY JOURNALS, 1767. Journal | of the | Votes and Proceedings | of the | General Assembly | of the | Colony | of New-York, | Began the 17th of November, 1767, and ended, | by dissolution, the 6th of February, 1768. | ; THE SAME. Began the 27th of October, 1768, and ended, by | dissolution, the 2d of January, 1768. | ; THE SAME. Began the 4th of April, 1769, and ended, by pro- | rogation, the 20th of May following. | THE SAME. Began the 21st of November, 1769, and ended, by prorogation, the 27th of January, 1770. | ; THE SAME. Began the 11th of December, 1770, and ended, | by prorogation, the 4th of March, 1774. | ; THE SAME. Begun the 7th of January, 1772, and ended, by | prorogation, the 24th of March following. | ; THE SAME. Begun the 5th January, 1773, and ended, by | prorogation, the 8th of March following. | ; THE SAME. Begun the 6th January, 1774, and ended, by | prorogation, the 19th of March following. | ; THE SAME. Begun the 10th January, 1775, and ended, by | adjournment, the 3d of April following. | Together, 9 vols. small folio (each, 13 by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut. In cloth slip-case.  
New-York: | Printed by William Weyman [and] H. Gaine [1769]—  
1775 Albany: Reprinted by J. Buel, 1820

COMPLETE SET OF THESE RARE REPRINTS, comprising the Votes and Proceedings from 1767 to 1775, inclusive, the most eventful period of the 17th century in the History of America. ENTIRELY UNCUT.

Only 50 copies of each were printed.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; L. C.

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376. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1768. [Laws of New-York.] | Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | [Passed the 31st December, 1768.] Small folio ( $13\frac{7}{8}$  by  $8\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back.

[Colophon.] Printed by H. Gainé . . . | of New-York, 1769

The William Smith, Jr. copy.

COLLATION: pp. 569-605; Index, p. [606]. Signatures in twos,—7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G, 7H, 7I (wrongly lettered I 7), 7K, 7L, and 7M in one.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower; *Evans*, No. 11359; *Ford*, Page 122.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.

The Act to prevent Frauds by Bills of Sale has an extended margin with a long manuscript note by William Smith, relative to the same.

377. NEW YORK. ADDRESS OF ROBERT LIVINGSTON, 1769. The | Address | of | Mr. Justice Livingston, | to the | House of As- | sembly, | In Support of his Right to a Seat. | [Commences] | When the Colonies are struggling for their Liberties, the Publi- | cation of the following Thoughts upon a Subject of the utmost | Consequence to the People, will doubtless be acceptable to all | the | real Sons of Freedom . . . | Small folio ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  by  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ), sheets. In cloth folder and green crushed levant morocco back slip-case. There are slight tears in old folds.

[New-York: Printed by John Holt, December, 1769]

[See Illustration]

VERY RARE. ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES.

COLLATION: Caption as above, below type-lines, on first page, followed by text, pp. 5, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 889; *Sabin*, No. 41635, where an 8vo New York issue of 15 pages and a Boston 4to issue of 5 pages are mentioned; *Evans*, No. 11313.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; L. C.

Judge Livingston was a member of the Stamp Act Congress of 1765, and was energetic in his refusal to sustain measures compelling the adoption of stamps. The present address was dated November 24, 1769.

Laid in is a one-page 4to Signed Autograph Document by John Holt, the printer of the above, dated, 1768, being a Bill "To the Estate of Abraham Depeyster," for advertisements.

378. NEW YORK. MAY SESSION, 1769. [Laws of New-York.] | Sir Henry Moore, Baronet, Governor. | [Acts of Assembly passed May 20, 1769.] Small folio ( $13\frac{7}{8}$  by  $8\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, one leaf has margin ink-stained.

[Colophon.] Printed by H. Gainé . . . | . . . of New-York, 1769

ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES.

The William Smith, Jr. copy, with manuscript annotations in his autograph.

COLLATION: pp. 607-637; Table, p. [638]. Signatures in twos,—7N, 7O, 7P, 7Q, 7R, 7S, 7T, and 7U.

REFERENCES: Not in Tower; *Evans*, No. 11360; *Ford*, Page 123.

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T H E  
A D D R E S S  
O F  
Mr. JUSTICE LIVINGSTON,  
TO THE  
• HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,  
IN Support of his Right to a SEAT.

**W**HEN the Colonies are struggling for their Liberties, the Publication of the following Thoughts upon a Subject of the utmost Consequence to the People, will doubtless be acceptable to all the real Sons of Freedom—Whether the Assembly's Refusal, to admit Judge Livingston, to a Seat in the House, is justifiable by Law and the Principles of our most excellent Constitution, I shall not pronounce; every Man is left to his own Judgment.—I was present when he asserted and maintained his Claim:—The Doors of this House are open to all; and as it is now understood to be the Right of the People to inspect the Conduct of those they have sent to act for them, it follows by Consequence, that the disclosing to others what is there seen and heard, is equally the Right of every Observer. The Public may be assured, that what is now offered as the Judge's Speech, is in Substance what was really delivered by his Honour, who I hope will pardon the well-meant Design of the Publisher, since he has endeavoured to retain as far as his Memory would permit, both his Sentiments and Mode of Expression.—It may not be amiss to inform the Public, that Mr. Philip Livingston, was returned the last Sessions, for the Manor; that he was dismissed on Account of his non-Residency, by Virtue of an old Act of Assembly, which had been disused for a great Number of Years: That after his Dismission, a Writ was issued for a new Election; that a few Days before the Election of Mr. Justice Livingston, (*the Manor being unrepresented*) a Vote passed for the Exclusion of Judges of the Supreme Court from a Seat in the House. Mr. Livingston was elected at the present Sessions, presented his Indentures, which were read; and this Question being put by the Speaker, 'Whether it was agreeable to the House, that two Members should wait on one of the Commissioners appointed to qualify the Representatives to serve in the present General Assembly, and see Mr. Livingston qualified?'—But, before this Question was determined, Mr. De Noyellis, moved in Words following, "I move, that the Question be put, Whether this House will enter into examining the Propriety of the Resolution, entered on their Journals the last Sessions, against Judges of the Supreme Court, or no?"—He was seconded by Mr. Delancey:—The previous Question was then put,—not carried. Mr. De Noyellis' Motion being put, was carried.—After which Mr. Livingston, having obtained Leave to speak, delivered himself as follows:

Mr. S P E A K E R,

**W**HEN I consider the Subject now to be debated before this Honourable House, merely with Respect to myself; I consider it as a Matter almost too trifling to deserve their Notice: But when I consider it as it affects my Constituents, as it affects the Constitution,—As it affects the Privileges of every Freeholder of this Colony—I consider it as the most important Point that was ever determined by this or  
any

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379. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1769. [Laws of New-York.] | Cadwallader Colden, Esq; Lieut. Governor. | [Acts of Assembly, passed, December 30, 1769 to January 27, 1770.] Small folio (13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back. [New-York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1770]

ONE OF THREE KNOWN COPIES. The last two leaves are missing.

The William Smith, Jr. copy, with his signature and manuscript marginal notes.

COLLATION: pp. 639-728. Signatures by twos,—7X, 7Y, 7Z, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8I, 8K, 8L, 8M, 8N, 8O, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 8S, 8T, and 8U in one. The catch-word on last leaf is "The."

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 11772; *Ford*, Page 126. Both mention an additional leaf at end. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.

380. NEW YORK. DECEMBER SESSION, 1770. [Laws of New-York.] | John, Earl of Dunmore, Governor. | [Acts of Assembly, December 22, 1770-February 16, 1771.] Small folio (13 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered up back, lacks pp. 819-822, including table and colophon, portion of leaf 815-816 missing. [New-York: Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1771]

The William Smith, Jr. copy, with manuscript marginal annotations by him.

COLLATION: pp. 731-818. Signatures, in twos,—8X, 8Y, Z (sic), 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I, 9K, 9L, 9M, 9N, 9O, 9P, 9Q, 9R, 9S, and 9T.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 12154; *Ford*, Page 128. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; N. Y. S. L.; N. Y. P.

Among the various Acts is one Establishing the Boundary Line between New York and New Jersey.

381. NEW YORK. DOCUMENT BY GEORGE BANYAR, 1771. SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR TRYON'S COUNCIL, NEW YORK. Document, Signed in the Autograph of Geo. Banyar. One page folio. "At a Council held at Fort George in the City of New York on Tuesday the 31st Day of December 1771. Present. His Excellency William Tryon Esquire, Captain General, &c. Mr. Horsmanden, Mr. Watts, Mr. De Lancey, Mr. Smith, Mr. Cruger, Mr. Wallace, Mr. White, Mr. Axell. It is Ordered by his Excellency the Governor . . ." "A true Copy Examd by me Geo. Banyar."

A MOST INTERESTING DOCUMENT relative to Fees of the Governor and the Secretary of the Council and auditor in respect to Grants of Land.

ANNO REGNI

GEORGE II III.

REGIS.

*Magnæ Britannie, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,*

DUODECIMO.

At a Session of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Colony of *New-York*, held at the City-Hall in the City of *New-York*; begun the 7th of *January*, 1772, and continued by divers Adjournments to the 24th of *March* following, in the 12th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of GOD, of *Great-Britain, France, and Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.



NEW-YORK:

Printed by H. GAINE, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty,  
in the Province of *New-York*, 1772.

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382. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1771. [Laws of New-York.] | John, Earl of Dunmore, Governor. | [Acts of Assembly, January 12, 1771–February 16, 1771, and April 1, 1775–April 3, 1775.] Folio (16½ by 10½), half roan, uncut, some margins of last stained. [New York; Printed by Hugh Gaine, 1772–1775]

BOTH SESSIONS ENTIRELY UNCUT, AS ISSUED, AN UNUSUAL FEATURE IN THESE WORKS.

Both are imperfect, the first lacking pages 731–738 (but containing pages 819–822, with the Table and Colophon, which the preceding item lacks); the second lacking pages 81–104 and 181–202.

COLLATION: pp. 739–822; 105–180. Signatures, in twos,—Z (sic), 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I, 9K, 9L, 9M, 9N, 9O, 9P, 9Q, 9R, 9S, 9T, 9U; Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg, Hh, Ii, Kk, Ll, Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Xx, and Yy.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, Nos. 12194 and 14292; *Ford*, Pages 128 and 140. Both give pagination of last as, pp. 81–202, (2).

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L.

Among the Acts is one to Confirm the Proceedings of the Commissioners in the matter of the boundary-line between City of New York and the township of Haerlem.

383. NEW YORK. MARCH SESSION, 1772. Anno Regni | Georgii III. | Regis. | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Duodecimo. | At a Session of the General Assembly of the | Colony of New-York, held at the City-Hall in the | City of New-York; begun the 7th of January, 1772, | and continued by divers Adjournments to | the 24th of March following, in the 12th Year | of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George | the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great- | Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender | of the Faith, &c. | [Royal Arms.] | Small 4to (8⅞ by 6½), sewed, uncut. In cloth folder and half crimson crushed levant morocco slip-case.

New-York: | Printed by H. Gaine, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, | in the Province of New-York, 1772

[See Illustration]

A MAGNIFICENT COPY, ENTIRELY UNCUT, OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE SEPARATE PUBLICATION OF THE "FIVE POUNDS ACT." THE ONLY COPY KNOWN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Act, pp. [3]–16.

REFERENCES: Unknown to Tower, Hasse, Sabin, Evans, Church or Ford.

Evans [No. 12482] gives a short title of the "Five Pound Act" as being published separately; Mr. Ford in his extensive "Bibliography of the Issues of Gaine's Press," gives this Act (without mention of pagination), stating that *The Mercury*, No. 1064, announced its separate publication by Gaine.



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384. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1774. Laws | of | New-York, | From | The Year 1691, to 1773 inclusive. | Published According to an Act of the | General Assembly. | Volume the First. | [Also Volume the Second.] [Arms of New York, and 3-line quotation from Bacon.] | 2 vols. in one, small folio (14½ by 9½), original sheep, binding worn, some margins stained, and owing to softness of paper other margins are foxed and some leaves discolored.

New-York: | Printed by Hugh Gainé . . . | | MDCCLXXIV.  
[1774]

COMPLETE AND PERFECT COPY OF THE TWO VOLUMES.

COLLATION: Title, 1 leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. iii-iv; text, pp. 420; Title to second volume, 1 leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 421-807; 1p. blank; Index, pp. 809-835; Errata, 1p.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 627; *Haase*, No. 923; *Evans*, No. 13467; *Ford*, Page 137.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. S. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; C. U.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; B. L.

This Collection of Laws was edited by Peter Van Schaack, whose Signed Autograph Bill to "The Representatives of the late Elizabeth Hamilton," one page, folio, April 8, 1772, is laid in. The autograph signature of *Richard Woodhull*, 1774, appears on fly-leaf.

385. NEW YORK. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, 1691-1775. Journal | of the | Legislative Council | Of the Colony of | New-York. | Began the 9th Day of April, 1691; | and | Ended the 27 of September 1743. | [ALSO—Began the 8th Day of December, 1743; | and | Ended the 3d of April, 1775. | ] Published by Order of the Senate of the State of New-York. | [Royal Arms.] | 2 vols. small folio (11¾ by 7⅞), buckram.

Albany: | Weed, Parsons & Company, Printers, | 1861

COLLATION: [Vol. I.] Title, one leaf, verso blank; Historical Introduction by E. B. O'Callaghan, pp. [iii]-xxvii; one blank; Standing Rules, pp. [xxix]-xxx, Missing Votes, p. verso blank; Journal, pp. 814; [Vol. II.] Title, one leaf, verso blank; Journal, pp. [819]-1998; Index, pp. [1999]-2078; Errata, one leaf.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53714; where the following note appears,—

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; L. C.; N. Y. B. A.; M. H. S.; C. H. S.; N. Y. P.  
"The greater part of this edition was destroyed by fire . . . These volumes, with the "Journals of the Assembly," printed by Hugh Gainé, and the supplementary volume issued from the State press, in 1821, make up a complete series of the Legislative Journals of the Colony, from 1691 down to the Revolution."

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386. NEW YORK. PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, 1775-1777. Journals | of the Provincial Congress, | Provincial Convention, | Committee of Safety and Council of Safety | of the | State of New-York. | [Arms of New York.] | 1775-1776-1777. | Vol. I. | [ALSO—Vol. II.] 2 vols. folio (12¾ by 9), rebound in half russia, marbled edges. Albany: | Printed by Thurlow Weed . . . | 1842

COLLATION: Vol. I. Title, one leaf verso blank; Journal, pp. 1118; Index, pp. [1119]–1196; Vol. II. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Leaf of certification by Seward; Correspondence, pp. 519; one blank; Index, pp. [521]–543.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53723, where the following note is given,—

“Two hundred and fifty copies printed. These volumes contain documents and records of proceedings which shed great light upon the question of the New Hampshire Grants and the Government of New-York, during the first three years of the Revolution.”

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.

387. NEW YORK. PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, 1775. In Provincial Congress, | New-York, Sept. 1, 1775. | [Commences] Whereas Attempts may be made to | promote Discord among the Inhabitants of this Colony, and to assist and | aid the Ministerial Army and Navy | in their Endeavours to carry into | Execution the cruel and oppressive Acts of Parliament, | against the Rights and Liberties of the Inhabitants of | this Continent . . . | [At end] A true Copy from the Minutes. | Robert Benson, Secretary. | 8vo (8 = by 5¾), folded, uncut, in blue cloth folder and cloth slip-case.

[Colophon.] New-York: | Printed by John Holt, in Water-Street, near | the Coffee-House, 1775

A REVOLUTIONARY ITEM OF GREAT RARITY, AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE COPY.

COLLATION: pp. 4.

REFERENCES: *Hasse*, No. 954; *Evans*, No. 14311. Not in *Sabin*.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.

The Resolve contains the penalty to be imposed on any one found guilty of giving aid or information to the British. It is one of the earlier Resolves of the Provincial Congress of New-York, the earliest known one being that for May 29, 1775.

388. NEW YORK. PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, 1776. Letter Signed, one page 4to, Fort Edward, March 29th, 1776, by Order of the County Committee of Charlotte, to Peter V. Livingston, Treasurer of the Provincial Congress. Requisition for one hundred pounds for expenses. Attested in the autograph of Edward Savag, Clerk. Endorsed on back and made payable to Alexander Webster, through the order of Henry Quackenboss, both of whose signatures appear.

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389. NEW YORK. PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, 1776. Documents Signed, as follows,—

IN PROVINCIAL CONGRESS OF NEW YORK, June 14, 1776. "*Resolved that the public Records of this Colony now at the House of Nicholas Bayard Esquire be forthwith removed to Kingston in Ulstar County. That Samuel Bayard Junr. Esquire the Deputy Secretary be ordered and requested to go & remain with the said Records and continue to exercise his Office till the further Order of this House. That Dick Wynkoop Esquire Colo. Abraham Haasbrouck, Joseph Gasherie and Christopher Tappen be and they are hereby authorized and directed to provide a proper Place for the said Records and proper Accomodations for the said Deputy Secretary . . . extract from the Minutes.*" A ONE-PAGE AUTOGRAPH DOCUMENT. Signed *Robt. Benson*, Secretary.

IN PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, NEW YORK, Febr'y. 22d, 1776. Document, Signed, one page, 4to, signed in the autograph of John Kesson, Secretary, to the effect that Mr. Benson had informed the Congress of the removal of the documents at an expense for cartage of forty shillings, and ordered that the Treasurer of the Provincial Congress repay Mr. Benson's disbursements. Endorsed on back is the receipt of Benson to Livingston for the amount of the appropriation.

Together, 2 pieces.

OF GREAT HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE. Relative to the removal of the records at the opening of the War of the Revolution.

390. NEW YORK. PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, 1777. A Declaration, or Ordinance, | of the Convention of the State of New-York, passed May 10, | 1777, offering free pardon to such of the subjects of the said | State, as, having committed treasonable acts against the same, | shall return to their allegiance. | [Signed] Robert Benson, Sec'ry. Small 4to (9½ by 7¾), broadside sheet. In cloth folder and blue levant morocco back slip-case.

[Fish-Kill: Printed by Samuel Loudon, 1777]

FINE COPY. VERY RARE. One of three copies known.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 15475; Not in *Sabin*.



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391. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY JOURNAL, 1777. The | Votes and Proceedings | of the | Assembly | of the | State of New-York, | At their first Session, begun and holden in the Assembly Chambers, at | Kingston, in Ulster County, on Wednesday, the tenth Day of September, 1777 [and continued to March 24, 1778]. | Small folio (13½ by 7¾), new cloth, uncut, a few slight stains.

Kingston: (Ulster County) Printed by John Holt, | Printer to the State of New-York. | M,DCC,LXXVII. [1777-1778]

LARGE UNCUT COPY. NO PERFECT COPY LOCATED.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Votes, pp. [3]-92.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54009, where the pagination is given as pp. 125; *Evans*, No. 15478, where the pagination is given as pp. 16.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.

Laid in is a one-page 12mo Signed Autograph Note by John Holt, the printer, dated, July 19, 1773, relative to an engagement.

392. NEW YORK. SENATE JOURNAL, 1777. Votes and Proceedings | of the | Senate | of the | State of New-York, | at their First Session, | Held at | Kingston, | In Ulster County, | Commencing September 9th, 1777 [and ending with the Third Session, March 17, 1779]. Folio (13¼ by 8¼), sewed, uncut. In cloth folder and blue crushed levant morocco back slip-case. Margin of last two leaves slightly gnawed.

Kingston: (Ulster County) Printed by John Holt, | Printer to the State of New-York. | M,DCC,LXXVII. [1777-1779]

[See Illustration]

FINE, AND ENTIRELY UNCUT COPY. One of THREE copies known.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Votes, pp. [3]-216.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 54011; *Evans*, No. 15479, where an issue of the First Session is cited, with same title as above, but only 16 pages, this issue being unknown to him.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.

The present issue comprises the Votes of the Senate extending from September 9, 1777 to March 17, 1779, and is evidently a revised form of the first three issues, with the title-page of the first, dated, 1777.

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
S E N A T E  
OF THE  
STATE OF NEW-YORK,  
AT THEIR FIRST  
S E S S I O N,  
H E L D A T  
K I N G S T O N,  
IN U L S T E R C O U N T Y,  
COMMENCING *September 9th, 1777.*

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KINGSTON: (*Ulster County*) PRINTED BY JOHN HOLT,  
PRINTER TO THE STATE OF NEW-YORK

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NEW YORK

393. NEW YORK. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1776-1777. An Address | of the | Convention | of the | Representatives | of the | State | of | New-York | To Their | Constituents. | 8vo (7 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), boards, cloth back, a few of the lower margins uncut. Fish-Kill: Printed by S. Loudon, | M,DCC,LXXVI. [1776]

FINE COPY OF THE RARE ORIGINAL ISSUE, PRINTED BY THE STATE PRINTER, OF THE FIRST ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE FIRST PROVINCIAL CONVENTION OF NEW YORK, which met at White Plains, August 1st, 1776.

THE DE PUY COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. [3]-19, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53480; *Evans*, No. 14921.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. H.; H. L.

Two issues were printed by Loudon for this year, one with and the other without date.

A Revolutionary item of the greatest interest, especially so to New Yorkers as it bears contemporary evidence of the spirit and patriotism of the times. The Address is dated, "Fish-Kill, Dec. 23, 1776," just three days before Washington's Victory at Trenton, and only a short while after the State Government had been driven from New York.

See following two items for Ordinance and Constitution adopted by this Convention.

394. NEW YORK. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, 1776-1777. An Ordinance | Of the Convention | Of the State of | New-York, | For organizing and establishing the Government, | agreed to by the said Convention. | 8vo (8 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), sheets, folded, uncut, in blue cloth folder and cloth slip-case. Fish-Kill: Printed by Samuel Loudon. | M.DCC.LXXVII. [1777]

THE VERY RARE ORIGINAL ISSUE OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF NEW YORK. ONLY THREE OTHER COPIES KNOWN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. [3]-12.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53952; *Evans*, No. 15477.

COPIES LOCATED: J. C. B.; N. Y. P.; L. C. P.; H. L.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.

The First Provincial Convention of New York met at White Plains, Westchester County on the first of August, 1776, and appointed a Committee to draw up and report a Constitution for the state. The Convention was made migratory by the stirring events in the ensuing autumn and winter, and it sat, after leaving White Plains, at Fish-Kill and Kingston.

See preceding and following items.



THE *Erine Langdon*  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
S T A T E  
O F  
NEW YORK.

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F I S H - K I L L .

PRINTED by SAMUEL LOUDON.

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395. NEW YORK. CONSTITUTION, 1777. The | Constitution | of the | State | of | New-York. | 8vo (8¾ by 5⅜), sewed, uncut, slightly spotted owing to softness of paper. In cloth folder and half blue-levant morocco slip-case.

Fish-Kill: | Printed by Samuel Loudon. | M.DCC.LXXVII.  
[1777]

[See Illustration]

FINE AND ENTIRELY UNCUT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL AND OFFICIALLY PRINTED ISSUE OF THE FIRST CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. The Issue with 34 pages. Title has autograph of *Timo. Langdon*, 1787.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution, pp. [3]-34; one blank leaf, forming part of last signature.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53626, where the issue of 33 pages is mentioned; *Evans*, No. 15473, where the issue of 34 pages is mentioned, he also cites in the preceding number the issue of 33 pages; Not in *Church*.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. L.; N. Y. S. (Imperfect); L. C.

The last page of the present issue contains the Resolve of the Convention, April 20, 1777, which adopted the Constitution, appointing Robert R. Livingston, General Scott, Mr. Morris, Abraham Yates, Mr. Jay and Mr. Hobart, as a "Committee to prepare and report a plan for organizing and establishing the government, agreed to by this Convention."

Of this Constitution, two issues were put out the same year by Loudon, the State Printer, one of 33 pages and the other of 34 pages. Of both issues only five copies are known, of which the above is the *FINEST AS WELL AS THE RAREST*. The copies located above are probably the 33 page issue.

A draft of this Constitution, written by Mr. Jay, was reported to the Convention, sitting at Kingston, N. Y. It was under consideration in Convention for more than a month, and was finally adopted, April 20, 1777.

See two preceding and following items.

396. NEW YORK. CONSTITUTION, 1777. The | Constitution | of the | State | of | New-York. | 8vo (8⅜ by 5), new boards, lower edges uncut, former owner's name partly removed from title-page.

Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by Styner and Cist . . . |  
MDCCLXXVII. [1777]

THE RARE PHILADELPHIA ISSUE OF THE FIRST STATE CONSTITUTION OF NEW YORK. Of which only 5 other copies are known.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Text, pp. [3]-32.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53626; *Evans*, No. 15474; *Church*, No. 1147.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; L. C.; L. C. P.; B. M.; H. L.; B. A. N. Y.

NEW YORK

397. NEW YORK. CONSTITUTION AND ORDINANCE, 1777. The | Constitution | of the | State | of | New-York. | Small 8vo (7¾ by 5), half calf, signature of *Abn. B. Bancker* on title.  
New-York: | Re-printed by E. Holt, Printer to the State. |  
M,DCC,LXXXV. [1785]

FINE COPY OF THIS RARE ISSUE.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution, pp. [3]-31; An Ordinance | Of the Convention | Of the State of | New-York, | For organizing and establishing the Go- | vernment, agreed to by the said | Convention. | [May 8, 1777.] pp. [32]-48.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19130; *Sabin*, No. 53626.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. L.; B. A. N. Y.

398. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1782. Laws | of the | State of | New-York, | Commencing with the first Session of the Senate and Assembly, | after the Declaration of Independency, and the Organization of the | New Government of the State, Anno 1777. | By Order of the Legislature. | [Contains, the Acts of the first five Sessions, February 6, 1778 to November 22, 1781, and TWO ADDITIONAL SESSIONS, for 1782 and 1783.] Folio (14⅞ by 9¼), half blue crushed levant morocco, two of the margins are cut close, pages 47-48 have piece torn from lower corner, and one other leaf has been repaired.  
Poughkeepsie, State of New-York, | Printed by John Holt, Printer to the State. | MDCCLXXXII. [1782]

COMPLETE COPY OF THE FIRST COMPILED LAWS [FIRST SIX SESSIONS] OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table (first five sessions), pp. iv; Laws, pp. 3-129, verso of last blank; 137-255; verso of last blank; Laws (July 12-25, 1782, First Meeting of Sixth Session), pp. 257-268; Laws (February 14-March 27, 1783, Second Meeting of the Sixth Session), pp. 269-300.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, Nos. 17630 and 18060; *Sabin*, No. 53734; *Tower*, Nos. 628, 629, and 630.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

Inserted are two SIGNED AUTOGRAPH RECEIPTS BY JOHN HOLT, one dated, March 29, 1780, and the other, June 18, 1781, both for money received from the Treasurer of the State of New York. The first, for One Thousand Pounds, for printing the above laws, is referred to in the Act for March 13, 1780, authorizing the advance of Six Thousand Pounds on Account.

The signature of *Colonel Isaac Stoutenburgh*, whose name appears on the New York Poll List for 1761, and who was also a member of the Committee known as "The Council for the Southern District of New York," 1779, which was charged with the control of New York City after the evacuation by the British, and who was also one of the Commission of Forfeitures, appears in two places.



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399. NEW YORK. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1784. Laws | of the | State |  
of | New-York, | Passed at the first Meeting of the Seventh  
Session of the Legislature of said State; | Beginning the 12th  
Day of February, 1784, and ending the 12th Day of May | fol-  
lowing. | Folio (14 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 9, some signatures slightly shorter),  
half blue crushed levant morocco, lacks two leaves.

New-York: | Printed by Elizabeth Holt, Printer to the State, |  
M,DCC,LXXXIV. [1784]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, commencing on verso with Table, which extends  
three pages, the last numbered iii; Laws, pp. 3-38, [39-42, missing], 43-127,  
verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 631; *Evans*, No. 18646.

COPIES LOCATED: B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.;  
H. L.; H. L. S.; C. U.

400. NEW YORK. OCTOBER SESSION, 1784. Laws | of the | State |  
of | New-York, | Passed at the First Meeting of the Eighth  
Session of the | Legislature of said State. | Beginning the Fourth  
Day of October, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-  
Four, and | Ending the Twenty-ninth Day of November follow-  
ing. | Folio (14 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), half blue crushed levant morocco.

New-York: | Printed by Elizabeth Holt, Printer to the State. |  
M,DCC,LXXXIV. [1784]

FINE PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-34.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 18647.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L.; H. L. S.;  
B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

401. NEW YORK. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1785. Laws | of the | State |  
of | New-York, | Passed by the Legislature of said State, at  
their Last [2nd] Meeting | of the Eighth Session. | [February  
15 to April 27, 1785.] Folio (14 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), half blue crushed  
levant morocco.

New-York: | Printed by Samuel Loudon, Printer to the State. |  
M,DCC,LXXXV. [1785]

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COLLATION: Title, one page, commencing on verso with Table, which  
extends over three pages, the last numbered, 4; Laws, pp. [5]-104.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19133.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; S. L. M.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L.;  
H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; B. L.

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402. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAWS, 1786. Laws | of the | Legislature | of the | State | of | New York, | in Force Against the | Loyalists, | and | Affecting the Trade | of Great Britain, | and | British Merchants, | and others having Property in | that State. | 8vo (8 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 5), 8vo, half red morocco, original marbled wrappers bound in.

London: | Printed by H. Reynell . . . M.DCC.LXXXVI. [1786]

COLLATION: Half-title, one leaf, verso blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. v-viii; Contents, pp. ix-xv, verso of last blank; Laws, pp. [9]-155, 1 blank; The Definitive Treaty . . . between His Britannic Majesty, and the United States, pp. 157-163, 1 blank; Appendix, pp. 165-186.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53743.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L.; N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.

403. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1786. Laws | of the | State | of | New-York, | Passed by the Legislature of said State, at their Ninth Session. | [January 31 to May 5, 1786.] Folio (14 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), half blue crushed levant morocco, lacks two leaves. New-York: | Printed by Samuel and John Loudon, | Printers to the State. | M,DCC,LXXXVI. [1786]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. [3]-4; Laws, pp. [5]-137. This copy lacks pp. 65-68 (signature S) and has the following pages wrongly numbered,—70 is 71, 71 is 70, 113 is 109, and 116 is 112. Pages 53-56 are in duplicate forming signatures O and P.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 19854.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U. N. Y. S.;

404. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1787. Laws | of the | State | of | New-York, | Passed by the Legislature of said State, at their Tenth Session. [January 21 to April 21, 1787.] | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (17 by 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), half blue crushed levant morocco, uncut, name in ink on title-page, small tear in title and last leaf repaired, a few slight stains on margins of a very few leaves. New-York: | Printed by Samuel and John Loudon, Printers to the State. | M,DCC,LXXXVII. [1787]

MAGNIFICENT COPY, ENTIRELY UN CUT AND PERFECT.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Contents, 2 pages; Laws, pp. [5]-212.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 20578.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

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405. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAWS, 1788. Mercantile Laws | of the | State of New-York. | Collected and Arranged | For the Convenience of | Merchants and Others | Concerned | in Trade. | 8vo (7¼ by 4¾), half blue crushed levant morocco, slight stain on few corners.  
New-York: | Printed by Francis Childs. | M,DCC,LXXXVIII.  
[1788]

[See Illustration]

EXCEEDINGLY RARE. "THE FIRST WORK OF ITS KIND PUT FORTH IN NEW YORK."—*Sabin*.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Printer's Note and Contents, 2 pages; Laws, pp. 1-54.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21317; *Sabin*, No. 53772. Not in Church.

This is THE ONLY COPY KNOWN. The copy formerly in the New York State Library was destroyed by fire.

Has the Autograph Signature of *Comfort Sands*, an important personage in the affairs of New York City, who was a member of the Committee of Observation on the Non-Importation Agreement of 1775; also of the Committee of 100 charged with the Administration of local affairs in 1775; and a Director of the Bank of New York, as well as a member of the First New York Chamber of Commerce.

406. NEW YORK. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1788. Laws | of the | State | of New-York, | Passed by the Legislature of said State, at their Eleventh Session. [February 6 to March 22, 1788.] | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (13⅞ by 9¼), half blue crushed levant morocco, lower corner of a few of the first leaves very slightly gnawed, two leaves have margins cut close at top.  
New-York: | Printed by Samuel and John Loudon, Printers to the State, | M,DCC,LXXXVIII. [1788]

FINE AND PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso Table of Contents, 3 pages, the last one numbered, 4; Laws, pp. [5]-222, the last one ending with text,—End of the Laws of the Eleventh Session.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21316, where the pagination is given as pp. 223.

Inserted is a one-page contemporary manuscript Index, containing entries in reference to the laws in this volume, among them, one on Slaves.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

407. NEW YORK. LETTER BY GERARD BANCKER, 1788, TREASURER OF NEW YORK STATE. Letter, Signed, 2 pages, 4to, New York, May 30th, 1788. To Egbert Benson, Attorney General, asking for instructions as to the method of issuing pensions paid to New York pensioners payable according to "An Act making provisions for Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, who have been disabled in the service of the United States," which was passed April 22, 1786.



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408. NEW YORK. LAWS, 1789. Laws | of the | State of New-York, |  
Comprising | The Constitution, | and | The Acts of the Legis-  
lature since the Revolution, | From | The First to the Twelfth  
Session, inclusive. | Published According to an Act of the Legis-  
lature, the 15th April, 1786. | [Arms of New York.] | In Two  
Volumes. | 2 vols. folio (15 by 10), original calf and leather labels,  
small piece torn from blank corners of three leaves.

New-York: | Printed by Hugh Gaine, at his Printing-Office  
and Book-Store, at the Bible, in Hanover-Square. |  
M,DCC,LXXXIX. [1789]

FINE AND PERFECT COPY OF THESE COMPILED LAWS. Edited by Samuel  
Jones and Richard Varick. With the blank end-papers.

COLLATION: VOL. I.—Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, one leaf, verso  
blank; Constitution, pp. 1-14; Laws, pp. 15-336; Index, pp. (11), 1 blank;  
Appendix, pp. xii; Contents, 1 leaf, verso blank.—VOL. II. Title, one leaf, verso  
blank; Laws, pp. 1-461; 1 blank; Index, pp. (17).

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 632; *Evans*, No. 22012; *Sabin*, No. 53735; *Ford*,  
Page 163.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; Y. U.; H. S. P.; A. A. S.;  
H. L.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; S. L. M. (Vol. 2 only); B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

409. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1789. Laws | of the | State |  
of | New-York, | Passed by the Legislature of said State, at  
their Twelfth Session. [January 5 to March 3, 1789.] | [Arms  
of New York.] | Folio (14 by 9½), half blue crushed levant  
morocco, corners slightly rounded, a few slight stains on mar-  
gins.

New-York: | Printed by S. & J. Loudon, Printers to the State. |  
M,DCC,LXXXIX. [1789]

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COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. [3]-4; Laws, pp. [6]-81,  
verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22013.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

The autograph Signature of *John M. Hogenkamp*, *Town Clk.* is in three  
places.

410. NEW YORK. JULY SESSION, 1790. Laws | of the | State of New-  
York.] | Volume the Third. [First and Second Meetings of the  
Thirteenth Session, July 14 to April, 6, 1790.] | [Arms of New  
York.] | Folio (15 by 9½), half blue crushed levant morocco,  
very slight stain on few corners.

New-York: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, |  
Printers to the State.—1790

FINE AND PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws to First Meeting, pp. 2;  
Laws to Second Meeting, pp. [3]-48.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 22720.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

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411. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1791. Laws | of the | State |  
of | New-York. | Fourteenth Session. [January 18 to March  
24, 1791.] | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 9) half blue  
crushed levant morocco, corners rounded.  
New-York: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, |  
Printers to the State. | M,DCC,XCI. [1791]

PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-38; Table, 2pp.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 23617.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.;  
C. U.; N. Y. S.

412. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1792. Laws | of the | State |  
of | New-York. | Fifteenth Session [January 12 to April 12,  
1792.] | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (15 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), half blue  
crushed levant morocco, corners slightly rounded, a very slight  
stain on few pages.  
New-York: | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, |  
Printers to the State. | M,DCC,XCII. [1792]

FINE AND PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-74; Table, 2 pages.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 24603.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

413. NEW YORK. PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR CLINTON, 1793.  
[Woodcut of Arms of New York.] By George Clinton, Governor  
of the State of New-York, | General and Commander in Chief  
of all the Militia, and | Admiral of the Navy of the Same: | A  
PROCLAMATION. | Whereas by the Statute entitled "An Act to  
prevent bringing | "in and spreading of Infectious Distempers  
in this | "State," it is enacted "That all Vessels of whatever kind |  
"they may be having on board any Person or Persons infect- | ed  
with the Yellow Fever . . . | [Signed] Given at the City of  
New-York under my Hand and the | Privy Seal this thirteenth  
day of September in the Se- | venteenth year of the Independence  
of the said State. | Geo: Clinton. | Folio (13 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), BROADSIDE.  
[New York, 1793]

AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE BROADSIDE RELATIVE TO YELLOW FEVER EPI-  
DEMIC IN PHILADELPHIA. ISSUED BY GOVERNOR CLINTON IN ORDER TO PRE-  
VENT THE SPREADING OF THE SAME TO NEW YORK.

HITHERTO UNRECORDED.

Orders that no person infected shall come nearer than the "Island commonly  
called Bedlow's Island." Prohibits vessels entering from Philadelphia, Pa.



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414. NEW YORK. MILITARY PATENTS, 1793. A | List | of the | Names of Persons to Whom | Military Patents | have Issued Out of the | Secretary's Office, | and to whom | Delivered. | Published by Order of the Legislature. | Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, uncut. In cloth folder and blue crushed levant morocco back slip-case. Slight stains.

[New-York:] Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, Printers to the State. | 1793

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL EDITION OF THE FIRST COMPLETE LIST, ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, CONTAINING THE NAMES OF OVER 1800 MEN WHO SERVED DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, AND TO WHOM MILITARY PATENTS WERE ISSUED BY THE STATE. UNKNOWN TO SABIN. EXCEEDINGLY SCARCE.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso, authorization by Senate and Assembly; List, pp. [3]-25, verso of last blank.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; B. A. N. Y.

Only 300 copies of this Abstract, made by the Secretary of New York, were authorized to be printed. The work is of great historical importance. The names are arranged in alphabetical order.

415. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1794. Laws | of the | State | of of | New-York. | Seventeenth Session. [January 8 to March 27, 1794.] | [Arms of New-York.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), sewed, margins of all leaves gnawed on lower right half, some badly, resulting in the loss of some of the text of the Act on first leaf, the text of the Acts on succeeding pages is not damaged, but the printed marginal notes are gnawed into in several cases; altho the title is badly gnawed, no text of the same is missing, with the exception of the last two letters of Swaine the printer. New-York. | Printed by Francis Childs and John Swaine, | Printers to the State. | M,DCC,XCIV. [1794]

As far as the actual "body" of the Laws is concerned, this copy (with the exception of the first leaf of same) is complete with no text missing.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-36; Table, 2 pages.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

416. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1795. Laws | of the | State | of | New-York. | Eighteenth Session. [January 29 to April 9, 1795.] | [Arms of New York.] | Folio (14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), half blue crushed levant morocco, outer margins slightly gnawed near center, beyond marginal notes, a few slight stains on some corners.

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417. NEW YORK. JANUARY SESSION, 1796. Laws | of the | State |  
of | New-York. | Nineteenth Session. [January 9 to April 11,  
1796.] [Arms of New York.] | Folio (14½ by 9½), half blue  
crushed levant morocco, margins gnawed at right center, out-  
side of notes.

New-York: | Printed by John Childs, For the Printer to the  
State. | 1796

PERFECT AND DESIRABLE COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. [3]-54; Table, 2 pages.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

418. NEW YORK. SPECIAL LAWS, 1801. Laws | of the | State of New-  
York, | viz, | An Act for the assessment and collection of Taxes;  
| An Act for defraying the public and necessary Charge of the |  
respective Counties of this State; | An Act to regulate High-  
ways; | An Act recommending a Convention for the purposes  
therein | mentioned; | An Act to Repeal the Acts and parts of  
Acts therein mentioned; | Passed at the Second Meeting of the  
Twenty-Fourth | Session of the Legislature, and Published pur- |  
suant to a concurrent Resolution of the | 8th Day of April,  
1801. | 8vo (8¾ by 5¼), stitched, uncut. In cloth folder and  
blue crushed levant morocco back slip-case. Corner of one  
leaf torn, with the loss of a few letters.

Albany: | Printed by | Charles R. & George Webster, | Corner of  
State and Pearl Street, | 1801

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY, ENTIRELY UNCUT, OF THIS EXCESSIVELY RARE ITEM. THE  
ONLY COPY KNOWN. UNKNOWN TO BIBLIOGRAPHERS.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso Resolve relative to the printing of the  
above; Acts; pp. [3]-54.

419. NEW YORK. SPECIAL ACTS, 1818. An Act. | To Organize the |  
Militia | of the | State of New-York, | Passed April 21, 1813 |  
Published | By order of the Legislature. | [Emblem and Arms.] |  
Albany: | Printed by I. W. Clark. | 1818

ALSO

Amendments | to the | Militia Law, | Passed March 13, 1821. |  
Printed by Webster and Skinners, Albany [1821]

The two tracts bound together as one vol. 8vo (8¾ by 5½),  
sewed, some leaves stained.

Albany, 1812-1821

These two tracts are seldom found together.

COLLATION: Title to Act, one leaf, verso blank; Index, pp. [3]-12; Act,  
pp. [9]-46; one leaf blank; Amendments, pp. 12.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 53459, where the first is cited under the Act of  
1793, a wrong entry as this Act was passed April 21, 1818. The "Amendments"  
is unknown to him.



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OF THE

STATE OF NEW-YORK,

*V I Z—*

*AN ACT* for the assessment and collection of Taxes ;

*AN ACT* for defraying the public and necessary Charge of the  
respective Counties of this State ;

*AN ACT* to regulate Highways ;

*AN ACT* recommending a Convention for the purposes therein  
mentioned ;

*AN ACT* to REPEAL the ACTS and parts of ACTS therein mentioned

Passed at the Second Meeting of the TWENTY-FOURTH  
Session of the Legislature, and Published pur-  
suant to a concurrent Resolution of the  
8th Day of April, 1801.

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420. NEW YORK. LETTER BY ARCHIBALD M'INTYRE, 1819. A  
| Letter | to | His Excellency | Daniel D. Tompkins, | Late Gov-  
ernor | of the | State of New-York. | 8vo (9 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original  
wrappers, uncut, slight stain on few corners.

Albany: | Printed by Jeremiah Tryon . . . | 1819

FIRST EDITION. FINE COPY, ENTIRELY UNCUT.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Letter, pp. [3]-112; Appendix, xl.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 43337.

Written to Tompkins while Vice-President of the United States, and signed by Archibald M'Intyre, Comptroller of the State of New York. It relates to the settlement of the accounts of the late governor, of which a full abstract is given, together with the correspondence.

421. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY AND SENATE DOCUMENTS, 1820-1821.  
A Series of Numbered and Un-numbered Assembly Documents,  
from November 7th, 1820 to March 20, 1821. Number 5 is the  
first one bearing its number and No. 123 the last. Together,  
120 documents (13 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), broadsides and leaflet.

[Albany, 1820-1821]

AN ALMOST COMPLETE SERIES OF THESE PUBLICATIONS. VERY RARE,  
ESPECIALLY SO IN THE ABOVE STATE. NO COMPLETE SERIES OF LEGISLATIVE  
DOCUMENTS WAS PUBLISHED PRIOR TO 1830. THE ABOVE SET IS PROBABLY  
UNIQUE.

All the Documents are Assembly unless otherwise stated.

CONTENTS. 1820:—

Nov. 7. Governor's Speech. pp. 7, wrongly numbered 4.

Nov., no date. Rules and Orders. Broadside.

Nov. 9. Resolution relative to Slavery. Broadside.

[Nov., no date.] Alphabetical List of Counties, and Members. Broadside

Nov. 10. No. 5. Act Recommending a Convention. pp. 3.

Nov. 10. No. 6. Act, declaring that Slavery cannot exist by the Consti-  
tution and Laws of the State. Broadside.

Nov. 10. No. 7. Standing Committees for the Assembly. pp. 4.

Nov. 11. No. 8. Act for final settlement of the Accounts of the governor.  
pp. 2.

Nov. 11. No. 9. Act concerning the Erie and Champlain Canals. pp. 2.

Nov. 8. No. 10. Message from the governor. pp. 10.

Nov. 13. No. 11. Substitute for bill relative to settlement of governor's  
accounts. pp. 2.

Nov. 13. No. 12. Report of the Attorney General. pp. 2.

Nov. 17. No. 14. Act recommending a Convention. pp. 3.

Nov. 17. No. 15. Act concerning the Erie and Champlain Canals. pp. 2.

Nov. 20. No. 16. Objections of the Council to the bill calling a Conven-  
tion. pp. 3.

Nov. 20. No. 17. Act for directing the mode of levying executions on  
real estate. pp. 2.

CONTENTS. 1821:—

JAN. 9. No. 18. Report of Committee on the objections of the Council of  
Revision, to the bill calling a Convention. pp. 14.

JAN. 10. No. 19. Report of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund. pp. 4.

JAN. 12. No. 20. Act to amend and Act to extend the jurisdiction of  
Justices of the Peace. pp. 3.

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### 421. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY DOCUMENTS, 1820-1821: *Continued.*

- JAN. 12. No. 21. Report of the Comptroller on the sale of Bank Stock. pp. 4.  
JAN. 13. No. 22. Report of the Comptroller on the Sinking Fund. pp. 10.  
JAN. 15. No. 23. Act to obtain the authority of the People for a State Convention. pp. 7.  
JAN. 16. No. 24. Resolutions relative to Trade. pp. 2.  
JAN. 16. No. 25. Amendment to Bill relative to State Printers. Broadside.  
JAN. 17. No. 26. Act to amend an Act providing for the dissolution of Insurance companies in New York City. pp. 2. Followed by two un-numbered issues containing the names of Members and Officers of the Senate and Assembly for 1821.  
JAN. 18. No. 29. Act for collecting public revenue. Broadside.  
JAN. 18. No. 30. Message of the Governor. pp. 36.  
JAN. 18. No. 31. Petition of the National Institution to Promote Industry. pp. 6.  
JAN. 18. No. 32. In Senate. Same as preceding. pp. 6.  
JAN. 19. No. 33. Report for the Incorporation of Lancaster Schools. pp. 3.  
JAN. 19. No. 34. Act relative to the poor of Madison County. pp. 2.  
JAN. 20. No. 35. Act declaring owners of equitable freehold estates entitled to vote. On verso, No. 36. Act directing the Canal Commissioners to levy and collect the local tax. 2pp.  
JAN. 20. No. 38. Communication from the Comptroller. pp. 3.  
JAN. 22. No. 39. Act concerning Estates of habitual Drunkards. pp. 2.  
JAN. 22. Un-numbered. Albany Post-Office. Regulations for closing Mails. Broadside.  
JAN. 26. No. 40. Act for relief of certain School Districts. Broadside.  
JAN. 26. No. 41. Comptroller's Annual Report. pp. 34.  
JAN. 27. No. 42. In Senate. Act to alter the mode of taking evidence in the Court of Chancery. pp. 2.  
JAN. 27. No. 43. In Senate. Act to facilitate the administration of Justice. pp. 2.  
JAN. 30. No. 44. In Senate. Act limiting the compensation of certain Officers of the government. 1p.  
JAN. 26. No. 45. Act for establishing a Court of Common Pleas in the City of New York. pp. 2.  
JAN. 26. No. 46. Report of the Inspectors of State Prison, in the City of New York. pp. 14, and three tables.  
JAN. 31. No. 47. In Senate. Act to reduce the price of Printing. Broadside.  
FEB. 1. No. 48. Act to repeal a portion of an act to prevent abuses in the practice of the Law. Broadside.  
JAN. 30. No. 49. Treasurer's Annual Report. pp. 6.  
FEB. 2. No. 50. Act authorizing Freeholders to alter time of holding town meetings. Broadside.  
FEB. 1. No. 51. Message of the Governor. Broadside.  
JAN. 30. No. 52. Report of the Trustees of Union College. pp. 4.  
FEB. 3. No. 53. Communication from the Comptroller relative to Courts Martial. pp. 71.  
FEB. 5. No. 54. Act to erect the County of Monroe. pp. 3.  
FEB. 5. No. 55. In Senate. Opinion of the Chancellor on the bill relative to evidence. pp. 4.  
FEB. 6. No. 56. In Senate. Act providing for the appointment of officers. Broadside.  
FEB. 7. No. 57. Report of the Committee on the Convention Bill. pp. 6.  
FEB. 7. No. 58. Act recommending a Convention. pp. 4.

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- FEB. 7. No. 59. In Senate. Report of the Joint Committee on Quit-Rents. pp. 2.  
FEB. 7. No. 60. Communication from the Comptroller on the value of estates. pp. 4.  
FEB. 10. No. 61. Report of the Committee on the Acts imposing Oaths. pp. 4.  
FEB. 10. No. 62. Act to amend certain Acts whereby oaths of office are required. pp. 2.  
FEB. 10. No. 63. Act providing for taking a Census. pp. 3.  
FEB. 10. No. 64. Message of the Governor. pp. 24.  
FEB. 10. No. 65. Act establishing Town Courts. pp. 14.  
FEB. 12. No. 66. Report of the Inspectors of the Auburn Prison. pp. 8. and 2 tables.  
FEB. 16. No. 67. In Senate. Act to divide certain Cities and Counties. pp. 2.  
FEB. 16. No. 68. Report of the committee on the Memorial of J. Swartwout. pp. 3.  
FEB. 16. No. 69. Act incorporating Directors in the North River Bank. pp. 4.  
FEB. 17. No. 70. Act relative to an Act concerning Judgments and Executions. Broadside.  
FEB. 17. No. 71. Act recommending a Convention. pp. 4.  
FEB. 14. No. 72. Communication from the Comptroller relative to Governor's Accounts. pp. 4.  
FEB. 12. No. 73. Message of the Governor. pp. 6.  
FEB. 19. No. 74. Report of the Committee of Claims upon the Petition of Ezekiel Sayles. pp. 2.  
FEB. 19. No. 75. Act relative to lands in Military tract. 1p.  
FEB. 19. No. 76. Act for recording Deeds in Greene County. 2pp.  
FEB. 20. No. 77. Message of the Governor. 1p.  
FEB. 21. No. 78. In Senate. Act to amend an Act concerning costs. 1p.  
FEB. 16. No. 79. Message of the Governor. 2pp.  
FEB. 19. No. 80. Communication from the Comptroller. pp. 4.  
FEB. 21. No. 81. Report of the New York Bank for Savings. pp. 5.  
FEB. 26. No. 82. In Senate. Act to amend an Act regulating Highways. Broadside. pp. 3.  
FEB. 21. No. 83. Report of the Superintendent of Common Schools. pp. 17.  
FEB. 23. No. 84. Communication from the Controller. 1p.; verso,—  
FEB. 23. No. 85. Continuation of the preceding. 2 pp.  
FEB. 24. No. 86. Message from the Governor. pp. 4.  
FEB. 28. No. 87. Report of the Committee on Currency. pp. 3; verso,  
FEB. 28. No. 88. Act to enable the bank of New York to buy and sell stock.  
FEB. 28. No. 89. Act to amend an act concerning Mortgages. pp. 2.  
FEB. 21. No. 90. Communication from the Comptroller on Canal Contracts. pp. 130.  
MARCH 2. No. 91. In Senate. Act for Distribution of Insolvent Estates. pp. 2.  
MARCH 3. No. 92. In Senate. Amendment offered by Mr. Granger on the bill recommending a Convention. Broadside.  
MARCH 5. No. 94. Report of the Committee on the Memorial to Eckford. pp. 2.  
MARCH 5. No. 95. Act to Incorporate the New York Mechanic Life Insurance Co. pp. 4.  
MARCH 5. No. 96. Act to regulate Internal Navigation. pp. 2.

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MARCH 5. No. 97. Act to amend and act relative to powers of certain Judges. pp. 2.

MARCH 5. No. 98. Report of the Committee on Colleges. pp. 6.

MARCH 5. No. 99. Act for Increasing School Fund. pp. 2.

MARCH 5. No. 100. Act concerning State Prisons. pp. 2.

MARCH 7. No. 101. In Senate. Act concerning Reports of adjudications in Chancery. Broadside.

MARCH 8. No. 102. Act compelling certain officers to make reports.

MARCH 8. No. 103. Report relative to Freeholders and Agriculturists in the County of Westchester. pp. 2.

MARCH 8. No. 104. Report of the Committee on Salaries. 1p.

MARCH 9. No. 105. Act authorizing a fund for the support of female literature. pp. 2.

MARCH 13. No. 106. Act to amend an act relative to the Organization of the Militia. pp. 6.

MARCH 13. No. 107. Report of the Committee on Auburn Prison. pp. 9.

MARCH 13. No. 109. Report of the Committee on Agriculture. pp. 2.

MARCH 13. No. 110. Act to amend an act relative to Judgments and Executions. Broadside.

MARCH 15. No. 111. Report of the Joint Committee on the conduct of individuals holding office under the general government. pp. 44.

MARCH 15. No. 112. Act to amend an act to prevent Usury. pp. 2.

MARCH 16. No. 114. Report of the Committee on the petition of the Seventh Day worshippers. 1p.; verso,—

MARCH 16. No. 115. Act for suppressing Immorality. 1p.

MARCH 16. No. 116. Report of the Committee on the petition of the Sufferers on the Niagara Frontier. pp. 3.

MARCH 16. No. 117. Act to remunerate the Sufferers on the Niagara Frontier. pp. 3.

MARCH 17. No. 118. Act to amend an act to perpetuate the testimony of witnesses. Broadside.

MARCH 17. No. 119. Amendments to the State Prison Bill. pp. 2.

MARCH 20. No. 120. Act concerning Banks. pp. 2.

MARCH 17. No. 121. Act for the payment of the officers of the government. pp. 3.

MARCH 19. No. 122. Report of the Attorney General on the petition of Martha Bradstreet. pp. 6.

MARCH 20. No. 123. Report of the Standing Committee on Erie Canal. pp. 2.

MARCH 20. No. 124. Act to provide construction of Salina Branch Canal. pp. 2.

FROM THE ABOVE IT WILL BE SEEN THAT, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THREE OR FOUR NUMBERS, THIS IS A COMPLETE SERIES OF ASSEMBLY DOCUMENTS FOR THIS PERIOD.

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422. NEW YORK. ASSEMBLY REPORT, 1821. Report | of the | Joint Committee | of the | Senate and Assembly, | In relation to the Message of the Governor of the | 18th of January last, implicating the conduct | of sundry individuals holding office | under the General Government. | With the | Documents | accompanying the same. | 8vo (9¼ by 6), sewed, uncut. Signature of *John M. Williamson* on title.

Albany: | Printed by Cantine & Leake, | 1821

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Relative to Governor Clinton's charge, which the Committee reports must "have been designed to apply to the President of the United States, and to the heads of Department at Washington; and to implicate them, as 'having an organized and disciplined corps' of their officers in this state, for the purpose of improperly interfering in our elections."

### NORTH CAROLINA

423. NORTH CAROLINA. LAWS, 1752. A | Collection | of | All the the Public | Acts of Assembly, | of | The Province of | North-Carolina: | Now in Force and Use. | Together with the Titles of all such Laws as are Obsolete, Ex- | pir'd or Repeal'd. | And also, an exact Table of the Titles of the Acts in Force. | Revised by Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General As- | sembly of the said Province, for that Purpose; and Examined with the | Records, and Confirmed in full Assembly. | [Printer's ornaments.] | Small folio (11 by 7½), half crimson crushed levant morocco; lacks pp. 331-334 (Sig. P4).

[Newbern: Printed by James Davis, M,DCC,LII. [1752]

[See Illustration]

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REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 5; *Tower*, Nos. 638 (dated, 1751) and 639; *Evans*, No. 6903, the additional Session Law not being listed; *Evans*, this issue not listed.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. S.; N. C. S.; U. N. C.; H. S. P.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S. (Imperfect); C. U.

These Laws were printed in 1751, but the greater portion bear the date of 1752.

This copy has Autograph Signature of *Samuel Johnston*, member of the Continental Congress from 1780-1783, on original fly-leaf.



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SEMBLY of the said Province, for that Purpose; and Examined with the  
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424. NORTH CAROLINA. REVISED LAWS, 1773. A | Complete  
Revisal | of all the | Acts | of | Assembly, | of the Province of  
| North-Carolina, | Now in Force and Use. | Together | with the  
Titles of All such Laws as | are Obsolete, Expired, or Repealed.  
With | Marginal Notes and References, and an | Exact Table to  
the Whole. | Small folio (11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), original sheep, new  
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Newbern: | Printed by James Davis, Printer to the Honourable  
the House of | Assembly. MDCCLXXIII. [1773]

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PERFECT COPY as to text, with the original end-papers, the signature of (John) *Sitgreaves* the jurist, and an officer in Richard Caswell's regiment of Militia in 1776, member of the Continental Congress, and U. S. District Judge for North Carolina, is on title-page.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Dedication by James Davis, 2pp.; The Second Charter of Carolina, pp. ix, verso of last, Great Deed of Grant; Acts, pp. 1-566; Table, 9pp., verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 34; *Sabin*, No. 55603; *Evans*, No. 12904; Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; U. N. C.; S. L. M.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; M. H. S.

Compiled by James Davis, who infers in his dedication to Governor Martin, that this is the second edition of the revised laws of North Carolina; it is however commonly known as the third revisal.

425. NORTH CAROLINA. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1787. The | Laws | of  
| North Carolina. | At a General Assembly, begun and held at  
Tarborough on the eighteenth | Day of November, in the Year  
of our Lord One-Thousand Seven Hun- | dred and Eighty-seven,  
and in the Twelfth Year of the Independence of | the said State,  
being the first Session of the said Assembly. | [—December 22,  
1787.] Folio (13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> by 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>), sewed, uncut.  
[Colophon.] Newbern: Printed by Hodge & Willis, Printer to  
the State. [1787]

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COLLATION: Laws, pp. [1]-30; authorization of printing, one page, verso. Contents.

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 68.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; U. N. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

Contains the act declaring the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Great Britain "to be part of the law of the land."

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ARE OBSOLETE, EXPIRED, OR REPEALED.

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MARGINAL NOTES AND REFERENCES, AND AN  
EXACT TABLE TO THE WHOLE.

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426. NORTH CAROLINA. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1788. Laws | of | North-Carolina. | At a General Assembly, begun and held at Fayetteville, on the third Day | of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred | and Eighty-Eight . . . | . . . being the first Session of the said Assembly. | [— | December 3, 1788.] Folio (14½ by 8½), sewed, uncut. [Colophon.] Edenton: Printed by Hodge & Willis, Printers to the State. [1788]

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COLLATION: Laws, pp. [1]-27; Contents, p. [28].

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 76.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; U. N. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

427. NORTH CAROLINA. LAWS, 1791. Laws | of the | State | of | North-Carolina. | Published, According to Act of Assembly, | By James Iredell, | Now one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. | [Printer's ornaments.] | Small folio (12¾ by 7¾), original sheep, new back and leather labels. Edenton: | Printed by Hodge & Willis, | Printers to the State of North-Carolina. | M,DCC,XCI. [1791]

FINE COPY, with original end-papers, and an additional Session Law bound in. Laid in is an excerpt of Hampton L. Carson's article on "James Wilson and James Iredell." The autograph signature of *William Norwood* is on title.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; blank leaf; Preface, pp. [iii]-iv; Contents, one leaf, verso blank; Second Charter of Carolina, pp. [1]-7, verso of last, Great Deed of Grant; Laws, pp. [9]-647; Treaty of Peace, between America and Great Britain and Constitution of U. S. pp. 648-660; Appendix, pp. 661-712; Index, pp. xxi; List of Subscribers, pp. [xxii]-[xxiv]; ALSO ADDITIONAL SESSION LAW,—Laws | of | North-Carolina. | At a General Assembly, begun and held at Newbern, | On the Fifth Day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thous- | sand Seven Hundred and Ninety-One, . . . | pp. 713-732.

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 88; *Tower*, No. 639; *Sabin*, No. 55637; *Evans*, No. 23641.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; U. N. C.; H. S. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. P.; J. C. B.; S. L. M.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

Contains the Laws passed at the various Sessions from 1715 to 1790, printed in the form of Session Laws, with caption at head of each session. The Laws for 1791, which this copy contains, do not appear in all copies.

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428. NORTH CAROLINA. LAWS, 1792. A | Collection | of the | Statutes | of the Parliament of | England | in Force in the State of | North-Carolina. | Published According to a Resolve of the General Assembly | By Francois-Xavier Martin, Esq. | Counsellor at Law. | 4to (9¼ by 7¾), rebound in full sheep, lacks pp. 401-404. Newbern: | From the Editor's Press. | 1792

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. iii-iv; Table, pp. v-xxvi; Statutes, pp. [1]-396; Appendix, pp. 397-400, 405-407; Index and Errata, pp. 408-424; Subscribers, 3pp., verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 92; *Sabin*, No. 44870; *Evans*, No. 24627.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. C. S.; U. N. C.; H. C.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; J. C. B.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

The Subscribers' List contains 104 names, indicating that not many more than this number of copies were printed.

429. NORTH CAROLINA. LAWS, 1794. A | Collection | of the | Private Acts | of the | General Assembly | of the | State of North-Carolina. | From the Year 1715, to the Year 1790, inclusive, | Now in Force and Use. | [Printer's ornament.] | 4to (10¼ by 8), original calf, new leather label.

Newbern: | Francois-Xavier Martin. | 1794

FINE AND PERFECT COPY. With original end-papers, and the Editor's—F. X. Martin, book-plate.

COLLATION: Leaf containing "Extracts from the Journals of the General Assembly," January, 1794, with report of Committee on Publication, recto blank; Title, one leaf, verso blank; Prefatory Note, one leaf, verso blank; Acts. pp. [1]-246; Appendix and Table, pp. 247-[252]. Duplicate Signature L (pp. 41-44) bound in.

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 99; *Sabin*, No. 55602.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; U. N. C.; S. L. M.; H. L.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

430. NORTH CAROLINA. JULY SESSION, 1794. Laws | of | North-Carolina. | At a General Assembly, begun and held at Newbern, on the | seventh day of July, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand and Seven Hundred and Ninety-Four . . . | . . . Being the Second Session of the said As- | sembly. | Folio (15¾ by 8¼), sheets, uncut.

[Colophon.] Newbern: From the Press of Francois X. Martin. [1794]

FINE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Laws, pp. [1]-9; Extract of a letter from N. Knox, p. [10].

REFERENCES: Not in *Weeks*.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M. (8pp.); H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

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431. NORTH CAROLINA. DECEMBER SESSION, 1794. Laws | of | North-Carolina. | At a General Assembly begun and held at the city of | Raleigh, on the thirtieth Day of December, in the Year of our | Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four . . . | . . . Being the First | Session of said Assembly. | [—February 7, 1795.] Folio (13½ by 8), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon]. Halifax: Printed by Hodge & Will[is]. [1795]

FINE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Laws, pp. [1]–39; Contents, pp. 39–[40]; page 17 blank.

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 104.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; N. Y. P.; N. C.; S. L. M. (20); B. A. N. Y.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; C. U.

432. NORTH CAROLINA. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1779. Laws | of | North-Carolina. | At a General Assembly, begun and held at Raleigh, on the twentieth day of | November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, | . . . Being the first Session of the said Assembly. | [—December 23, 1797.] Folio (14½ by 9), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Halifax: Printed by Abraham Hodge, Printer to the State. [1797]

FINE LARGE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Laws, pp. [1]–25; Contents, pp. 25–[26].

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 118.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; U. N. C.; B. A. N. Y.; S. L. M. (20pp.); H. L. S.; C. U.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.

433. NORTH CAROLINA. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1798. Laws | of | North-Carolina. | At a General Assembly begun and held at the city of Raleigh, on Monday the | nineteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and | ninety-eight . . . | It being the First Session of this Assembly. | [—December 24, 1798.] Folio (12 by 7½), sewed, uncut.

[Colophon.] Wilmington, (N.C.) Printed by A. Hall, Printer to the State. [1798]

FINE UNCUT COPY.

COLLATION: Laws, pp. [1]–50; Appendix, pp. 51–55 (wrongly lettered 56); Contents, pp. [56]–58.

REFERENCES: *Weeks*, No. 122.

COPIES LOCATED: N. C. S.; U. N. C.; S. L. M. (27 pages); H. L. S.; C. U.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.



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Of the Province of  
PENNSILVANIA  
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By Order of the *Governour* and *Assembly* of the  
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1714.

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434. NORTH CAROLINA. LAWS, 1804. The | Public Acts | of the | General Assembly | of | North-Carolina. | Volume I. | Containing the Acts from 1715 to 1790; | Revised and Published, | Under the Authority of the Legislature, | By the Honorable James Iredell, Esquire, || and now Revised | By Francois-Xavier Martin. | [ALSO] The | Public Acts | of the | General Assembly | of | North-Carolina. | Volume II. | Containing the Acts from 1790 to 1803; | | | By Francois-Xavier Martin. | The 2 vols. in one, 4to (9 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ). original calf, binding somewhat worn.

Newbern; | Martin & Ogden, 1804

COLLATION: Vol. I. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Prefatory Note, 2pp. Charter of Carolina, pp. 7, verso of last Great Deed of Grant; Acts, pp. [9]–501; Errata, p. [502]; One blank leaf; Title to Vol. II, one leaf, verso blank; Prefatory Note, 2pp.; Acts, pp. [5]–132; Session Laws, 1791–1803, pp. 133–226; Index, 8 unnumbered pages; Errata, one leaf, verso blank; Advertisement of Books printed, one leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 55670.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.

### PENNSYLVANIA

435. PENNSYLVANIA. LAWS, 1714. The | Laws | Of the Province of | Pennsylvania Collected into | One Volumn, | By Order of the Governour and Assembly of the | said Province. | Small folio (12 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), original panelled calf, cracked at hinges, slight tears into margins of five leaves. In cloth folder and red levant morocco back slip-case.

Printed & Sold by Andr. Bradford in Philadelphia, | 1714

[See Illustration]

FINE, PERFECT COPY OF THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST COLLECTED LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA. With the original binding and the original end-paper at front.

COLLATION: Blank leaf; Title, one leaf, verso, Advertisement to the Reader; Contents, 2pp.; Acts, 89 leaves, numbered irregularly, as follows,—1–13, 12, 13, 16–32, 34–37, 43, 40–54, 52, 56, 57, 58, 69–77, 76, 77, 80–96, 95, 96, 93, 94, 99–130, 127–142; 139, 144–175, 172, 177–184; blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 643; *Hildeburn*, No. 128; *Sabin*, No. 60192; *Evans*, No. 1712; *Church*, No. 860.

COPIES LOCATED: B. M.; L. C. (2, both imperfect); H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; P. S.; H. L.; N. Y. S.

"Intended to give in full all the laws then in force, with titles of such as were obsolete, expired or repealed."—HILDEBURN.

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PENNSYLVANIA

436. PENNSYLVANIA. LAWS, 1728. The | Laws | of the | Province |  
of | Pennsylvania: | Now in Force, Collected into One | Volumn. |  
Publish'd by Order of the General | Assembly of the aforesaid  
Province. | [Royal Arms.] | Small folio (11¼ by 7¼), full new  
sheep.

Philadelphia: Printed and Sold by Andrew | Bradford, Printer to  
the Province, MDCCXXVIII. [1728]

FINE AND PERFECT COPY OF THIS RARE SECOND ISSUE OF BRADFORD'S  
LAWS OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHICH WAS EDITED BY CHIEF JUSTICE DAVID  
LLOYD. With the leaf at end, printed later and to be inserted in the body of  
the work.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 4pp.; Acts. pp. [1]-302,  
304-352, verso of last blank; and leaf [pp. 280-281], with colophon, "This Act  
comes in between Folio 280 and 281." In his page-numbers the printer dropped  
that for page 303, after which the odd numbers are transferred to the left-hand  
page, and the even numbers to the right.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 655; *Hildeburn*, No. 336; *Sabin*, No. 60193;  
*Evans*, No. 3086.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; S. L. M.; P. S.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.;  
L. C.; B. A. N. Y.

This copy has the name of *George Boone* in large printed script, twice, on  
title; there is also the Autograph of *Edw. Burd*, on title.

437. PENNSYLVANIA. LAWS, 1742. The | Charters | of the | Province  
of Pennsylvania | and | City of Philadelphia. | [Arms of Penn.]

ALSO

A | COLLECTION | of all the | Laws | Of the Province of | Penn-  
sylvania: | Now in Force. | Published by Order of Assembly. |  
[Arms of Penn.] |

The two works in one volume, small folio (11¾ by 7), original  
sheep, back strengthened by new hinges.

Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by B. Franklin. | M,DCC,XLII.  
[1742]

FINE COPY. PERFECT. The imprint and date of each title is the same.

COLLATION: Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 3-30;  
Title to Laws, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 3-562 [pages 434, 435, 510 and  
511, wrongly numbered, 418, 419, 511 and 512 respectively]; Appendix, title,  
one page, verso blank, Advertisement to Reader, pp. iii-iv, text, pp. 24; Table,  
pp. xi, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 670; *Hildeburn*, Nos. 755 and 757; *Sabin*, No.  
59982; *Curtis*, Pages 75-76; *Evans*, No. 5033; *Church*, No. 943.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; M. H. S.; S. L. M.; P. S.; H. L.; N. Y. P.;  
N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

These Laws are arranged in chronological order as passed by each Assem-  
bly, from 1700 to 1742. The work was edited by John Kinsey, who added the  
Appendix. ALL THREE TITLES BEAR FRANKLIN'S IMPRINT. The autograph  
of *Philip Syng* appears in two places.



PENNSYLVANIA

438. PENNSYLVANIA. LAWS, 1762. The | Charters | and | Acts of Assembly | of the | Province | of | Pennsylvania. | In Two Volumes. | Vol. I. | Containing the Charters of the said Province, and the City, | Boroughs and Towns thereof: The Titles of all the Laws of | the said Province, since its first Establishment down to the Year 1700; | The Acts of the said Assembly from the Year 1700 to 1743, now | in Force; and the Royal Confirmations and Repeals of | the said Acts. | Compared with the Public Records. | [Arms of Penn.] | [ALSO, main title as above] Vol. II. | Containing the Acts of Assembly of said Province, from the | Year 1744 to 1759, now in Force: A Collection of all the Laws | that have been formerly in Force within this Province, for Regulating | of Descents and Transferring the Property of Lands, but are since | expired, altered or repealed: From the Establishment of the Province, down | to this present Time. | Compared with the Public Records. | Together with | An Index, referring to the Matters | contained in both the Volumes. | [Arms of Penn.] | The 2 vols. in one, folio (14¾ by 9½), full new sheep. Philadelphia, | Printed by Peter Miller and Comp. MDCCLXII. [1762]

FINE, LARGE AND PERFECT COPY, A FEW MARGINS SHOW UNCUT EDGES. WITH ORIGINAL BLANK END-PAPERS AT FRONT AND BACK. Known as "Big Peter Miller."

COLLATION: Title to Vol. I., one leaf, verso certificate of Committee; Charter, pp. 21, verso of last blank; Acts, to 1700, pp. 4; Acts, 1700-1742, pp. 164; Title to Vol. II., one leaf, verso blank; Titles, pp. iii, verso of last blank; Acts, pp. 116; Appendix, title, one leaf, verso blank, text, pp. 18; Abridgement in form of Index, pp. 32. THE RARE ERRATA SLIP is pasted to inside of front cover.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 712; *Hildeburn*, No. 1791; *Sabin*, No. 59972; *Evans*, No. 9227.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; P. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; S. L. M.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

"These Laws were edited by Lewis Weiss and Charles Brockden, but are known as 'Big Peter Miller.'"—HILDEBURN.

This copy has the autograph signature of *Wm. Peters* and some contemporary marginal manuscript annotations in his hand. Laid in are two manuscript documents, in the handwriting of Peters, one being a Petition "To the Honble Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennsylvania," from the Supervisor of the Public Roads of the Township of Blockley, 2 pages folio.

439. PENNSYLVANIA. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1762. Anno Regni | Georgii III. | Regis, | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciae & Hiberniae | Secundo. | At a General Assembly of the Province of Penn- | sylvania, begun and holden at Philadelphia, | the Fourteenth Day of October, Anno Domini 1761, in | the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord | George III . . . | | And from

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439. PENNSYLVANIA. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1762: *Continued.*

thence continued by Adjournments to the Seven- | teenth Day of February, 1762. | [Arms of Penn.] | Folio (13 by 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), sheets, uncut, writing on title, title remargined.

Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by B. Franklin, at the New- | Printing-Office, near the Market. MDCCLXII. [1762]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 129-183, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hildeburn*, No. 1784; *Tower*, No. 714; *Evans*, No. 9229.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; P. S.; N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; Curtis Collection.

440. PENNSYLVANIA. MARCH SESSION, 1762. Anno Regni | Georgii III. | Regis, | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Secundo. | At a General Assembly of the Province of Penn- | sylvania, begun and holden at Philadelphia, | the Fourteenth Day of October, Anno Domini 1761, in | the First Year of the Reign of our Sovereign, Lord | George III . . . | | And from thence continued by Adjournments to the | Twenty-sixth Day of March, 1762. | [Arms of Penn.] | Folio (13 by 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ ), sheets, uncut, slight stain on last leaf.

Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by B. Franklin, at the New- | Printing-Office, near the Market. MDCCLXII. [1762]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. 187-211, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hildeburn*, No. 1784; *Tower*, No. 715; *Evans*, No. 9230.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; P. S.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

441. PENNSYLVANIA. FEBRUARY SESSION, 1769. Anno Regni | Georgii III. Regis, | Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Nono. | At a General Assembly of the Province of Penn- | sylvania, begun and holden at Philadelphia, | the Fourteenth Day of October, Anno Domini 1768, in | the Eighth Year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord | George III . . . | | And from thence continued by Adjournments to the | Eighteenth Day of February, 1769. | [Arms of Penn.] | Folio (13 by 8), contemporary wrappers, signature of *Joseph Fox* on title.

Philadelphia: | Printed and sold by D. Hall, and W. Sellers, at the | New Printing-Office, near the Market. MDCCLXIX. [1769]

COLLATION: One blank leaf; title, one leaf, verso blank, text, pp. 639-737, verso of last, Table; one blank leaf.

REFERENCES: *Hildeburn*, No. 2418 (first part); *Tower*, No. 735; *Evans*, No. 11396.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; P. S.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; N. Y. P.



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442. PENNSYLVANIA. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1775. The | Acts of Assembly | of the | Province | of | Pennsylvania, | Carefully compared with the originals. | and an | Appendix, | Containing such Acts, and Parts of Acts, relating to | Property, as are expired, altered or repealed. | Together with | The Royal, Proprietary, City and Borough Charters; | and the Original Concessions of the Honourable | William Penn to the First Settlers of the Province. | Published by Order of Assembly. | [Arms of Penn.] | Folio (13¼ by 8½), antique calf, back repaired, shows slight crack at hinges. Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by Hall and Sellers, in Market-street, between | Front and Second-streets. MDCCLXXV. [1775]

FINE COPY. This collection was edited by Joseph Galloway.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. iii-xxi, verso of last blank; Acts, pp. [1]-536; Title to Appendix, one leaf, verso "To the Reader;" Text, pp. 3-22; Index, 12pp.; Addendum. | Extract from the Fifth Volume of the Votes of Assembly, | Page 466, May 6, 1766. | [Extract from letter of Benjamin Franklin, January 11, 1766, sending official copies of the Representation of the Board of Trade.] pp. 3, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 754; *Hildeburn*, No. 3147; *Sabin*, No. 59820; *Evans*, No. 14364.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; S. L. M.; P. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

443. PENNSYLVANIA. QUAKER BROADSIDE, 1775. The Testimony of the People | called Quakers, given forth by a Meeting of the | Representatives of said People, in Pennsylvania | and New-Jersey, held at Philadelphia the twenty- | fourth Day of the first Month, 1775. | [Text, in four paragraphs.] Signed in, and on behalf of the said meeting, | James Pemberton, Clerk at this time. | Folio (11¾ by 7¾), broadside. In cloth folder, lettered. [Philadelphia, 1775]

REFERENCES: *Hildeburn*, No. 3293.

Contains the following declaration.—"We . . . publicly to declare against every usurpation of power and authority, in opposition to the laws and government, and against all combinations, insurrections, conspiracies, and illegal assemblies; and as we are restrained from them by the conscientious discharge of our duty to almighty God, 'by whom kings reign, and princes decree justice,' we hope through his assistance and favour, to be enabled to maintain our testimony against requisitions which may be made against us, inconsistent with our religious principles, and the fidelity we owe to the king and his government."

AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE REVOLUTIONARY BROADSIDE. The first official Declaration of Principles by the Society of Friends (Quakers) opposing the Continental Congress in their usurpation of power and authority.

Among the more conspicuous members of the order who conspired against the Independence of America were James Pemberton and his brother John, who, together with other leading Quakers of Philadelphia, were arrested and exiled to Virginia.



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444. PENNSYLVANIA. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1782. The | Acts | of the | General Assembly | of the | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, | Carefully compared with the Originals. | and an | Appendix. | Containing the Laws now in Force, passed between the 30th | Day of September 1775 and the Revolution. | Together with | The Declaration of Independence; the Constitution of the State of | Pennsylvania; and the Articles of Confederation of the United | States of America. | Published by order of the General Assembly | [Arms of Pennsylvania.] | Small folio (11¾ by 7½), half brown crushed levant morocco, gilt back and top.  
Philadelphia: | Printed and Sold by Francis Bailey, | in Market-Street. | M,DCC,LXXXII. [1782]

SPLENDID COPY. This collection was edited by Chief Justice Thomas McKean.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Authorization, one leaf, verso blank; Index, pp. viii; Declaration, pp. vi; Constitution, pp. [vii]-xxxi; Direction to Binder, p. [xxxii], Laws, pp. [1]-520; Appendix, pp. 521-527, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 774; *Hildeburn*, No. 4179; *Sabin*, No. 59821; *Evans*, No. 17656.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.; P. S.; H. L.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

445. PENNSYLVANIA. LAWS, 1807. Geseze | der | Republik Pennsylvanien, | in übersezten Auszügen. | Enthaltend | die brauchbaren öffentlichen Geseze bis su dem Jahr | 1805, einschlieszlich; | So wie auch | die Regierungs-Verfassungen der Vereinigten | Staaten un von Pennsylvanien. | | 8vo (8¼ by 5), original sheep, somewhat foxed.  
Reading | gedruckt und herausgegeben von Johann Ritter | und | Carl Kessler, | 1807

RARE GERMAN EDITION. UNKNOWN TO SABIN.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso, copyright; Vorrede, 5pp., verso of last blank; Regierungs-Verfassung, pp. xxiv; The same, for Pennsylvania, pp. [xxv]-xlix, verso blank; Half-title, Geseze, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. [1]-766; one blank leaf; Inhalt, 12pp.

## RHODE ISLAND

446. RHODE ISLAND. ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS, 1647. The | Proceedings | of the | First General Assembly | of | "The Incorporation of Providence Plantations," | and | the Code of Laws | Adopted by | That Assembly, | in 1647. | With Notes Historical and Explanatory, | By William R. Staples. | | 8vo (9¾ by 5¾), wrappers, pp. 64.  
Providence. | | 1847

FIRST PRINTING OF THESE ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS. Sometimes called "Staples" Code.

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447. RHODE ISLAND. ACTS AND LAWS, 1705. Laws and Acts | of | Her Majesties Colony of | Rhode Island, | and | Providence Plantations | Made from the | First Settlement in 1636 to 1705. | With a | Historical Introduction | by | Sidney S. Rider. | Small folio (12 by 8), full new sheep, uncut, original wrappers bound in. Providence, Rhode-Island | Sidney S. Rider and Burnett Roder, | 1896

PRINTED FROM THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT, IN EXACT FACSIMILE, AND STRICTLY LIMITED TO 100 COPIES.

COLLATION: Title and preliminary matter, 4 leaves; Facsimile, Title and text, 61 leaves; Printed text of the preceding, pp. 1-65, including Table.

448. RHODE ISLAND. ACTS AND LAWS, 1745. The | Charter | Granted by His Majesty | King Charles II. | to | The Governor and Company | of | The English Colony | of | Rhode-Island | and | Providence-Plantations, | In New-England | in | America. | Newport . . . | . . . MDCCXLIV. [1744]

ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS, | Of His Majesty's | Colony | of | Rhode-Island, | and | Providence-Plantations, | In New-England, | In America. | [Printer's armorial ornament.] |

The two works in one vol. small folio (11¾ by 7¼), half crimson crushed levant morocco, lettered on back, original wrappers bound in, 4 leaves have margins cut, slightly shaving marginal notes.

Newport, Rhode-Island: | Printed by the Widow Franklin, and to be Sold at the | Town-School-House. M,DCC,XLV. [1745]

[See Illustration]

FINE COPY OF THE THIRD REVISION OF THE LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND. With the original marbled paper wrappers, and blank fly-leaves at beginning and end.

COLLATION: Two blank leaves; title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 3-15, verso of last blank; Table, 15pp., verso of last blank; Title to Acts, one leaf, verso blank; Laws, pp. 1-308; two blank leaves.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 811; *Sabin*, No. 70512; *Evans*, No. 5638; *Church*, Nos. 952 and 952A.

COPIES LOCATED: R. I. H. S.; H. C.; H. S. P.; J. C. B.; M. H. S.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; H. L.; B. A. N. Y.; S. L. M.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; C. H. S. (Imperfect); N. Y. S.; R. I. S.; C. S.; B. L.; B. B. L.; Y. U.

"The printer was Ann Franklin, the widow of the former printer [James Franklin]. She appears to have been disposed to take a little advantage and to have printed a number of copies of this digest on her own account, without consent of the committee, whereupon the General Assembly, at a session, in June, 1745, passed a vote prohibiting her, or any one in her behalf, from selling any copies within one year from the rising of the Assembly, upon the penalty of £5 for every book sold."—PROVIDENCE JOURNAL, January 23, 1882.

T H E  
CHARTER

Granted by His MAJESTY

King *C H A R L E S* II.

T O

The Governor and Company

O F

The *English* C O L O N Y

O F

Rhode-Island

A N D

*PROVIDENCE-Plantations,*

I N N E W - E N G L A N D

I N

A M E R I C A.

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*NEWPORT, Rhode-Island:*

Printed by the Widow FRANKLIN, and to be Sold at the  
Town School-House. M,DCC,XLIV.



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# THE BENEDICT COLLECTION OF EARLY AMERICAN LAWS

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*Second Session, Monday Evening, February 27th*

## RHODE ISLAND

449. RHODE ISLAND. ACTS AND LAWS, 1752. Acts | and | Laws | Of His Majesty's | Colony | of | Rhode-Island, | and | Providence-Plantations, | In New-England, | In America, | From Anno 1745, to Anno 1752. | [Printer's armorial mark.] | Small folio (11½ by 7¾), full new sheep, original wrappers bound in, top corner of first four leaves slightly gnawed.

Newport, Rhode-Island: | Printed by J. Franklin, at the Printing-Office under the | Town-School-House. M,DCC,LII. [1752]

[See Illustration]

SPLENDID COPY OF THESE RARE LAWS. A continuation of the "Third Revision." With the original marbled wrappers. VERY RARE. Printed by James Franklin, 2nd.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, 6pp.; Laws, pp. 1-110.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 812; *Sabin*, No. 70513; *Evans*, No. 6919; Not in Church.

COPIES LOCATED: R. I. H. S.; H. C.; H. S. P.; J. C. B.; M. H. S.; N. Y. P.; L. C.; H. L.; B. A. N. Y.; S. L. M.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; C. H. S.; N. Y. S.; R. I. S.; C. S.; B. L.; B. B. L.; Y. U.

450. RHODE ISLAND. ACTS AND LAWS, 1767. The | Charter, | Granted by His Majesty, | King Charles II. | to | The Governor and Company | of | The English Colony | of | Rhode-Island | and Providence-Plantations, | in | New-England, | in | America. |

### ALSO

ACTS | AND | LAWS | of | The English Colony | of | Rhode-Island | and | Providence-Plantations, | in | New-England, | in | America. |

The two works in one vol. small folio (11⅝ by 7), new full sheep.

Newport: | Printed and sold by Samuel Hall, Printer to the | Honorable General Assembly. | MDCCCLXVII. [1767]

FINE COPY OF THE EXCEEDINGLY RARE FOURTH REVISION OF THE RHODE ISLAND LAWS, OF WHICH ONLY 200 COPIES WERE PRINTED, AND WITH THE VERY RARE LEAF CONTAINING THE RESOLVE OF THE SESSION OF MAY, 1767.

COLLATION: One blank leaf; Title to Charter, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, pp. 3-15, verso of last blank; Title to Acts, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-272; At the General Assembly | Of the Governor and Company of the | English Colony of Rhode-Island . . . | . . . begun and held at Newport . . . on the | First Wednesday in May . . . | One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-seven. . . | | | One leaf, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 836; *Sabin*, No. 70514; *Evans*, No. 10749.

COPIES LOCATED: R. I. H. S.; J. C. B.; M. H. S.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; B. L.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

This copy does not contain the Table, which is said to have been published separately, BUT HAS THE LEAF AT END RELATIVE TO THE REPEAL OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PASSED IN 1746, requiring all Freemen then in the colony "to take an oath against Bribery and Corruption."

Has the autograph signatures of *Isaac D. Hall* and *David Y. Hall*. On both sides of the original fly-leaf, here included, are early manuscript records,—

(1) Certificate of Intention of the Marriage between Captain Ephraim Peap and Jane Kelley, both of Edgatown in Duke's County, Island of Martha's Vineyard, dated, March 9, 1782. Signed by Thomas Cooke, town clerk, and certified to, as being a true copy, by S. Southwick, Justice of the Peace; (2) Copy of a Sheriff Notice, relative to an assault on a citizen of Newport.

ACTS  
AND  
LAWS  
Of His MAJESTY's  
COLONY  
OF  
Rhode-Island,  
AND  
Providence - Plantations,  
In NEW-ENGLAND,  
In A M E R I C A.  
From *Anno* 1745, to *Anno* 1752.

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NEWPORT, RHODE-ISLAND:  
Printed by J. FRANKLIN, at the Printing-Office under the  
Town-School-House. M,DCC,LII.

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[No. 449]

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RHODE ISLAND

451. RHODE ISLAND. ACTS AND LAWS, 1772. Acts | and | Laws | of  
| The English Colony | of | Rhode-Island | and | Providence Plan-  
tations, | in | New-England, | in | America: | Made and passed  
since the Revision in | June, 1767. | Compared and corrected by  
the Secretary. | Small folio (11 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 7), full new sheep, last leaf  
has small portion of blank corner torn off.

Newport: | Printed and sold by Solomon Southwick, |  
MDCCLXXII. [1772]

[See Illustration]

FINE AND PERFECT COPY OF THIS EXCEEDINGLY RARE ISSUE, being a  
"Supplement" to the edition of 1767.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-41, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 70515; *Evans*, No. 12537. Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: J. C. B.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; L. C.; H. L. S.; R. H. S.;  
B. A. N. Y. The copy of this issue in the Rhode Island Historical Society and  
in the State Library of Massachusetts are both facsimiles.

Contains the Laws from 1767 to 1772.

The present is Solomon Southwick's own copy, and has 42 additional leaves  
inserted at end, some of which contain manuscript entries. These leaves are in  
the form of an Index. There are also two early Indentures inserted,—(1)  
Bond of Samuel Margott, of Hopkinton, Rhode Island to Solomon South-  
wick, of Newport, as printer's apprentice, 1774, signed by himself and father,  
and witnessed by Ishachar Ploock and T. Cosart; (2) Walter Rodman, of New-  
port, Rhode Island, appointing Solomon Southwick, his attorney, April 23,  
1780.

452. RHODE ISLAND. PUBLIC LAWS, 1798. The | Public Laws | of  
the State of | Rhode-Island | and | Providence Plantations, | As  
revised by a Committee, and finally enacted by | the Honourable  
General Assembly, at their | Session in January, 1798. | To which  
are prefixed, | The Charter, Declaration of Independence, Arti-  
cles | of Confederation, Constitution of the United | States, and  
President Washington's Address of Sep- | tember, 1796. | Pub-  
lished by Authority. | [Two lines of quotation.] 8vo (8 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ).  
original calf, stain on few margins, small worm hole in few mar-  
gins.

Printed at Providence, by Carter and Wilkinson, | and sold at  
their Book-Store. 1798

FIFTH REVISION.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Charter, etc., pp. [3]-74; Laws,  
pp. [75]-618; Index, pp. [619]-642, 647-652. By a printer's error pages 643  
646 are omitted.

REFERENCES: *Sabin*, No. 70626.

COPIES LOCATED: J. C. B.; H. C.; S. L. M.; R. I. H. S.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.;  
N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.



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N E W - E N G L A N D ,  
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A M E R I C A :  
Made and passed since the Revision in  
June, 1767.

Compared and corrected by the Secretary.

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N E W P O R T :  
Printed and sold by SOLOMON SOUTHWICK,  
MDCCLXXII.

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[No. 451]

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SOUTH CAROLINA

453. SOUTH CAROLINA. LAWS, 1736. The | Laws | of the | Province | of | South-Carolina, | In Two Parts. | The First Part containing all the Perpetual Acts | In Force and Use. | With the Titles of such Acts as are Repealed, Expired or Obsolete, | Placed in the Order of Time in which they passed. The Second Part containing all the Temporary Acts | In Force and Use. | To which is added the Titles of all the Private Acts, | And the Two Charters granted by King Charles II. to the | Lords Proprietors of Carolina. | And also the | Act of Parliament | For Establishing an Agreement with Seven of the said Lords Proprietors for the | Surrender of their Title and Interest to His Majesty. | Collected in Two Volumes. | By Nicholas Trott, LL.D. | Vol. I only. Folio (13 $\frac{5}{8}$  by 9), original vellum.  
Charles-Town, Printed by Lewis Timothy, MDCCXXXVI.

[1736]

[See Illustration]

COMPLETE COPY THE FIRST VOLUME. The earliest known South Carolina imprint. Has autograph of *Thomas Hepworth, 1741*, on first title-page.

COLLATION: Title to Vol. I, one leaf, verso blank; Half-title, one leaf, verso blank; Full title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. 1-vj; Introduction, pp. vij-pp. xviii; Half-title to Charters, one leaf, verso blank; Charters, pp. xxj-xliv. Title to Laws, First Part, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. (15), verso of last blank; Acts, with special title-page (19) to those passed by successive Governors, pp. (2), 1-473, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 892; *Evans*, No. 4080; *Church*, No. 927. All list two volumes.

COPIES LOCATED: B. M. (incomplete); S. C. S.; H. S. P.; S. L. M. (Vol. I); C. S.; N. Y. P. (imperfect); L. C. (2, both imperfect); H. L. (imperfect); H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. P.

Has autograph signature of Thomas Hepworth, Dec. 28th, 1741, on title.

Laid in is a Manuscript Document, Signed in the Autograph of Nicholas Trott, the editor of the above Laws, one page, oblong 4to, dated, Charles-Town, the 12th day of October, 1715, headed "His Excellency John Lord Carteret, Palatine and the Rest of the True and Absolute Lords & Proprietors of this Province. To the Marshal of the Court of Common pleas, being an attachment for the body of John Neeves, Planter." With the original wax seal in fine state of preservation.

454. SOUTH CAROLINA. CONSTITUTION, 1790. The Constitution of the State of South- | Carolina. | We, the delegates of the People of the State of South | Carolina, in general convention met, do ordain and establish | this constitution for its government. | [Text, signed at end] Done in convention, at Columbia, in the state of South Carolina, the 3rd day | of June, in the year of our Lord 1790, and the 14th year of the indepen- | dence of the united states of America. | By the unanimous order of the Convention, | Charles Pickney, President. | Attest. John Sandford, Dart, Sec'y. | 8vo (9 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 6), sheets, folded, uncut, somewhat soiled. In cloth folder and half morocco slip-case. [Charleston, 1790]

THE RARE ORIGINAL ISSUE. There is a copy of this Constitution, printed by Timothy, at Charleston, 1790, consisting of 12 pages, in the New York Public Library.

*Edw. Home Hopworth  
Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 1746*

*Edw. Home Hopworth*

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Vol. I.

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Settlement of the Province, till the time that  
the Lords Proprietors surrendered their Title  
and Interest in the said Province to His Majesty.



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## SOUTH CAROLINA

455. SOUTH CAROLINA. LAWS, 1790. The | Public Laws | of the State of | South-Carolina, | From its First Establishment as a British Province | down to the Year 1790, inclusive, | | With an Appendix containing such other Statutes as have been enacted or declared to be of force in this State, either virtually or expressly, | to which is added | the Titles of all the Laws . . . | | The Constitution of the United States . . . | and likewise | The Newly adopted Constitution of the State of South-Carolina, | Together with a Copious Index to the Whole. | By the Honorable Faucheraud Grimke . . . | | 4to (10 by 8), original sheep, rubbed and slightly foxed, name in ink on title, one margin torn, three leaves at end torn across.  
Philadelphia: | Printed by R. Aitken & Son . . . | M. DCC. XC.  
[1790]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank (this copy has manuscript of a Court Session under Judges Burke and Bay, September 26, 1793); Dedication, one leaf, verso, Preface; Titles, pp. [V]-LXXVII, verso of last blank; Laws, pp. [1]-504; Appendix, pp. [1]-36; Constitution of South Carolina, pp. [37]-43, verso of last blank; Index, pp. (58).

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 896; *Evans*, No. 22897.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; J. C. B.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. P.; B. M.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

456. SOUTH CAROLINA. ASSEMBLY ACTS, 1808. Acts | of the | General Assembly | of the State of | South-Carolina, | From February, 1791, to December, 1794, | Both inclusive. | Volume I. | [ALSO] . . . From December, 1795, to December, 1804, | both inclusive. | Volume II. | Together, 2 vols. 8vo (Vol. I, uncut, 9 $\frac{1}{8}$  by 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Vol. II, 8 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), half brown crushed levant morocco, gilt backs, lower margins of first volume somewhat stained.  
Columbia: | Printed by D. & J. J. Faust, State Printers. | 1808

PERFECT COPY OF THIS RARE ISSUE.

COLLATION: Vol. I. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Index, 80 unnumbered pages; Half-title to Acts, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. [3]-394; Titles of Acts, 9 unnumbered pages, verso of last blank; Vol. II. Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. [3]-567, verso of last blank; Titles to Acts, 13 unnumbered pages, verso of last blank.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; C. H.; A. A. S.; C. U.

# STATUTES

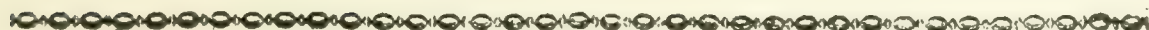
OF THE

STATE

OF

VERMONT,

Passed by the Legislature in *February* and *March* 1787.



WINDSOR:

PRINTED BY GEORGE HOUGH AND ALDEN SPOONER:

PRINTERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SAID STATE.

M. DCC. LXXXVII.

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## VERMONT

457. VERMONT. STATUTES, 1787. Statutes | of the | State | of | Ver-  
mont, | Passed by the Legislature in February and March 1787. |  
Small folio ( $9\frac{3}{8}$  by  $6\frac{3}{4}$ ), original sheep, new leather label, some  
margins stained or foxed.

Windsor: | Printed by George Hough and Alden Spooner, |  
Printers to the General Assembly of Said State. |  
M. DCC.LXXXVII. [1787]

[See Illustration]

PERFECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ISSUE, with the original blank end-papers,  
several at back.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. (2); Constitution of  
Vermont, pp. [5]-18; Statutes, pp. 19-171, verso of last blank. Pages 101, 102,  
103, and 104 are wrongly numbered as 102, 103, 104 and 105.

REFERENCES: *Gilman*, Page 296; *Evans*, No. 20827; *Tower*, No. 902.

COPIES LOCATED: H. S. P.; A. A. S.; H. L. S.; S. L. M.; B. M.; H. L.;  
N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. H. S.

458. VERMONT. OCTOBER SESSION, 1788. Acts and Laws, | Passed by  
the Legislature of the State of Vermont, | At their session at  
Manchester, the second Thursday of October, | 1788 [—October  
24, 1788.] | Small 4to ( $9\frac{3}{8}$  by 7), sewed. In cloth folder and slip-  
case. [Windsor: Printed by Hough and Spooner, 1788]

COLLATION: pp. 28.

REFERENCES: *Gilman*, Page 296; *Evans*, No. 21540. No copy located.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. S.

Contains the act for incorporating the towns of Newhaven, Panton and  
Ferrisburgh.

459. VERMONT. STATUTES, 1791. Statutes | of the | State | of | Ver-  
mont; | Revised and Established | By Authority, | In the Year  
M,DCC,LXXXVII, | Including those passed since that period  
until the session | of the assembly of said state, holden at Benning-  
ton in | January 1791. | Likewise, | The |several 'acts respecting  
sales by the Surveyor | General. | 8vo ( $8\frac{1}{8}$  by 5), original sheep  
and label, the signature of *Josias Smith* appears in several places.  
Printed in Bennington, Vermont, in the year | M,DCC,XCI. |  
By Anthony Haswell. | [1791]

COMPLETE, with original end-papers.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Constitution, pp. [3]-14; Statutes,  
pp. 15-315; Table, pp. [316]-[320].

REFERENCES: *Gilman*, Page 299; *Evans*, No. 23939.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; J. C. B.; H. L. S.; S. C. M.;  
B. M.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; C. U.



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*Royal-Exchange* in Cornhil.

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## VERMONT

460. VERMONT. REVISED LAWS, 1798. Laws | of the | State of Ver-  
mont; | Revised and passed | By the Legislature, | in the year  
of our Lord, | One Thousand Seven Hundred and | Ninety Seven. |  
Together with | The Declaration of Independence, the Con-  
stitution of the United States, with its | Amendments, and the  
Constitution | of the State of Vermont: | With an Appendix: |  
Containing | several Laws, which have heretofore been | passed  
. . . | | | | and the | Titles of all the Acts | which have not been  
repealed, or become obsolete. | Published by Authority. | 8vo  
(7 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), original sheep and label.  
State of Vermont. | Printed at Rutland, by Josiah Fay. |  
M,DCC,XCVIII. | [1798]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Declaration of Independence, etc.,  
pp. [3]-67, verso of last blank; Laws, pp. [69]-621; Appendix, pp. 1-151;  
Index, pp. [152]-205; Certificate of Publication, pp. (2). The page numbers  
after 621 start with page one of the Appendix, on verso of last leaf of Laws,  
after which the odd numbers are on left-hand side of pages.

REFERENCES: *Gilman*, Page 299.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; A. A. S.; C. U.;  
B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.; L. C.;

## VIRGINIA

461. VIRGINIA. CULPEPPER GRANT, 1673. [Woodcut head-piece.]  
Septima Pars Patentium de Anno Regni | Regis Jacobi Secundi  
Quarto. | [Six pages of text] | In Witness, &c. | Witness the King  
at Westminster, the seven and twentieth | Day of September.  
[1673]. By Writ of Privy Seal. | [Docketed on back] Grant | of  
the | Northern Neck | in | Virginia | to | Lord Culpepper. | Folio  
(15 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ ), stitched, uncut, slightly stained. In cloth folder.  
[London, 1674-1684]

COLLATION: pp. 6; one leaf, recto blank, verso caption.

OF GREAT RARITY, UNKNOWN TO EVANS. THE ONLY COPY KNOWN. NONE  
LOCATED IN ANY LIBRARY IN AMERICA OR ABROAD.

This is the ORIGINAL PRINTED ISSUE of the Grant issued by King James  
Second to Lord Culpepper and the Earl of Arlington, for "all the domain of land  
and water called virginia." Culpepper was given a Commission as Governor  
for Life, to take effect whenever Berkeley should vacate the office. Culpepper  
later purchased the interest of Arlington, but did not go to Virginia until 1680.  
His profligacy and rapacity finally led to the revocation of his Grant and the  
loss of his office.

462. VIRGINIA. LAWS, 1684. A | Complete Collection | of all the  
| Laws | of | Virginia | Now in Force. | Carefully copied from the |  
Assembly Records. | To which is Annexed an | Alphabetical  
Table. | [Edited by Captain John Purvis.] Small folio (11 $\frac{1}{2}$  by  
7 $\frac{1}{8}$ ), half cardinal crushed levant morocco.

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# *Under the Management of the American Art Association*

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## VIRGINIA

462. VIRGINIA. LAWS OF 1684: *Continued.*

London, | Printed by T. J. for J[ohn] P[urvis] and are to be sold  
by Tho. Mercer | at the Sign of the Half Moon the Corner Shop of  
the | Royal-Exchange in Cornhill. [1684]

[See Illustration]

THE EXCESSIVELY RARE ORIGINAL EDITION OF THE SECOND COMPILATION. This copy, with the exception of the title-page and the four pages of dedication, which are in exact facsimile, reproduced by the photostat process, is entirely of the original issue, with wide margins, a few of the latter having slight tear at foot.

COLLATION: Title (in photostat), one leaf, verso blank; Dedication, 4pp. (in photostat on four leaves, the versos being blank); Laws (Original Issue), pp. 1-300, pages 145-148, being repeated in numbering by the printer, the first constituting signature O and the second signature P; Table, 22pp.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 90; *Swem*, No. 4437; *Tower*, No. 904.

COPIES LOCATED: V. S.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; H. L. S.; V. S. L.; B. A. N. Y.; L. C.

The exact date of the publication of this work is not known, it was however sometime between 1684 and 1687. The last two laws given by the compiler were passed at an Assembly convened November 10, 1682, and Lord Howard, of Effingham, to whom the work is dedicated, became governor by commission dated September 28, 1683, assuming the office April 15, 1684, holding the same until April, 1687.

463. VIRGINIA. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1733. A Collection | of all the |  
Acts of Assembly, | Now in Force, in the Colony of | Virginia. |  
With the | Titles of Such as are Expir'd, or Repeal'd. | And Notes  
in the Margin, showing how, | and at what Time, they were  
Repeal'd. | Examin'd with the Records, | By a Committee  
appointed for that Purpose. | Who have added | Many useful  
Marginal Notes, and References: And an exact | Table. | Publishd  
pursuant to an Order of the General Assembly, held at | Williams-  
burg, in the Year M,DCC,XXVII. | [Arms.] | Folio (14¼ by 9¼),  
new full sheep.

Williamsburg: | Printed by William Parks. M,DCC,XXXIII.  
[1733]

[See Illustration]

FINE LARGE COPY, WITH WIDE MARGINS, With the blank leaf forming last leaf of signature Gg, but which is not included in page-numbering.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; List of Subscribers, 4pp.; Laws, pp. 1-509, verso of last blank; Catalogue of Titles, pp. 511-622. The binder has misbound signatures M and N, transposing the same.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 125; *Evans*, No. 3728. Not in *Tower*.

COPIES LOCATED: V. S.; J. C. B.; B. P.; N. Y. P.; V. S. L.; N. Y. H.; C. U.; B. A. N. Y.; L. C.; H. L.; N. Y. S.; S. L. M. (imperfect).

This is the first edition of a revisal of the Laws of Virginia printed in the Colony. In the Journal of the House of Burgesses, under date of February 22, 1727/8, it is stated that "William Parks' petition and proposals . . . for print-

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463. VIRGINIA. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1733: *Continued.*

ing a complete body of Laws of this Colony, now in force . . . was refer'd by the Governor and Council to the Consideration of the House." The printing was not executed until 1733. This revisal contains the Laws from 1662 to 1732.

There is a manuscript record which shows that John Buckner was called before Lord Culpepper and his Council, on February 21, 1682/3, for printing the Laws for 1680; but the first authentic information of actual printing or of an established press in the Colony is that of the press established at Williamsburg in 1729 by William Parks, the printer of the above volume.

Thomas in his History of Printing in America states that "I have not seen any thing from a Virginia press earlier than 1729. Printing was not courted, and it would seem not desired, till many years after the establishment of the province."

464. VIRGINIA. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1752. The | Acts | of | Assembly,  
| Now in Force, in the Colony of | Virginia. | With the | Titles of  
Such as are Expir'd, or Repeal'd; | Notes in Margin, shewing  
how, and at | what Time they were Repealed: | and An exact  
Table to the Whole. | Publish'd pursuant to an Order of the  
General Assembly. | [Arms.] Folio (13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 9), rebound in sheep.

Williamsburg: | Printed by William Hunter. MDCCLII.[1752]

FINE LARGE COPY of the Second Revisal of the Laws of Virginia printed in the Colonies.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Catalogue, pp. vi.; Acts, pp. 1-411, verso of last blank; Table, pp. 413-455; Errata, p. [456]; Also the following Session Law,—Anno Regni | Georgii II, | | | At a General Assembly, begun and held | at the College, in Williamsburg, on Thursday | the Twenty Seventh Day of February, in the | Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George II . . . | | . . . 1752. | pp. 1-47, verso of last, List of Laws made in the Year 1748, which were repealed by Proclamation in April 1752.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 6941 and 6942; Not in Tower or Church.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; N. Y. S.; H. L. S.; L. C.; V. S.; H. L.; V. S. L.; V. H. S.; B. A. N. Y.; S. L. M.; A. A. S.

This is the Third American Collection of Virginia Laws.

465. VIRGINIA. FEBRUARY SESSION. 1752. Anno Regni | Georgii II, |  
Regis Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ, vi- | cessimmo quinto. |  
At a General Assembly, begun and held | at the College, in  
Williamsburg, on Thursday | the Twenty Seventh Day of Februa-  
ry, in the | Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of our So- | vereign  
Lord George II . . . | | . . . 1752. | [First Session.] Folio  
(13 $\frac{7}{8}$  by 9), new boards, some leaves stained.

[Williamsburg: Printed by William Hunter, 1752]

COLLATION: pp. 1-47, verso of last, Laws made in 1748, repealed by Proclamation, April, 1752.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 206; *Evans*, No. 6942; Not in Tower.

COPIES LOCATED: H. L. S.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; V. S. L.; L. C.; H. S. P.; N. Y. H.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S.

A  
COLLECTION  
OF ALL THE  
ACTS of ASSEMBLY,  
Now in Force, in the Colony of  
VIRGINIA.

WITH THE  
TITLES of Such as are Expir'd, or Repeal'd.  
And NOTES in the Margin, shewing how,  
and at what Time, they were Repeal'd.

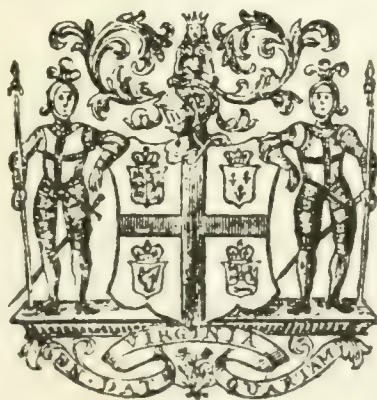
Examin'd with the Records,  
By a COMMITTEE appointed for that Purpose.

Who have added  
Many useful *Marginal Notes*, and *References* And an exact  
TABLE.

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*Publisd, pursuant to an Order of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, held at  
WILLIAMSBURG, in the Year M, DCC, XXVII.*

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Printed by WILLIAM PARKS. M, DCC, XXXIII.

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VIRGINIA

466. VIRGINIA. AUGUST SESSION, 1754. Anno Regni | Georgii II, | Regis, Magnæ Britanniae, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | vicesimo octavi. | At a General Assembly, begun | and held at the College in the City of Williams- | burg, on Thursday the Twenty Seventh Day of | February, in the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign | of our Sovereign Lord George II . . . | . . . One Thousand Seven | Hundred and Fifty Two. And from thence con- | tinued by several Prorogations, to Thursday the | Twenty Second Day of August . . . | . . . One Thousand Seven Hundred | and Fifty Four, and then held at the Capitol in the | City of Williamsburg; being the Fourth Session | of this Assembly. | [Fourth Session] Folio (14 by 9), new boards, slight stains at corners.

[Williamsburg: Printed by William Hunter, 1754]

OF EXCESSIVE RARITY AND A HIGHLY IMPORTANT VIRGINIA ITEM, ISSUED DURING THE GOVERNORSHIP OF ROBERT DINWIDDIE. NO COPY HAS EVER BEEN OFFERED AT PUBLIC SALE IN AMERICA, AND THERE IS NO RECORD OF THE SAME IN EVANS OR TOWER, OR ANY OF THE CATALOGUES OF THE GREAT PRIVATE AMERICANA COLLECTIONS.

COLLATION: pp. 1-6.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 222.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; L. C.; B. A. N. Y.; B. L.

467. VIRGINIA. AUGUST SESSION, 1755. Anno Regni | Georgii II, | Regis Magnæ Britanicæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ, | Vicesimo Nono. | At a General Assembly, begun and held at the | College, in the City of Williamsburg, on Thursday | the 27th Day of February in the 25th Year of the | Reign of our Sovereign Lord George II . . . | . . . 1752. And from thence | continued by several Prorogations, to Tuesday the | 5th Day of August . . . | Year 1755, | and then held at the Capitol, in the City of | Williamsburg: Being the Seventh Session of this | Assembly. | [Seventh Session]. Folio (14 by 9), new boards, slight stain on margins, slight tear in one leaf. [Williamsburg: Printed by William Hunter, 1755]

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COLLATION: pp. 22.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 232.

COPIES LOCATED: N. Y. P.; L. C.; H. S. P.; B. A. N. Y.

Of French and Indian War Interest. Contains the act for raising Forty Thousand Pounds, for the protection of the frontiers of the colony.



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468. VIRGINIA. ABRIDGED LAWS, 1759. An Exact | Abridgement | of all the | Public | Acts of Assembly | of | Virginia, | In Force and Use. | January 1, 1758. | Together with a Proper Table. | By John Mercer, Gent. | 8vo (7½ by 4¾) original calf, cracked at hinges.

Glasgow: | Printed by John Bryce and Davis Paterson. |  
MDCCLIX. [1759]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Table, pp. xxii; Text, pp. 1-421, verso of last blank; Table, pp. 423-482.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 271; *Swem*, No. 3653; Not in *Tower*.

COPIES LOCATED: V. S.; L. C.; A. A. S.; N. Y. P.; B. A.; M. H. S.; V. H. S.; J. C. B.; H. S. P.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

In 1737 Mercer published his first Abridgment of the Acts of the Virginia Assembly, the present issue continues the same down to 1758.

469. VIRGINIA. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1769. The | Acts | of | Assembly, | Now in Force, | in the | Colony of Virginia. | With | An exact Table to the Whole. | Published by Order of the General Assembly. | [Arms]. | Folio, (14¼ by 9), rebound in full sheep. some leaves have margins stained, and four or five have same slightly torn into.

Williamsburg. | Printed by W. Rind, A. Purdie, and J. Dixon. |  
MDCCLXIX. [1769]

PERFECT COPY. With original front fly-leaf on which is the inscription,—*John Glassford, Bladensburgh (Virginia) Novr. 1769.*

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 1-487, verso of last blank; Appendix, pp. 489-497, verso of last blank; Table pp. 499-577, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 359; *Tower*, No. 921; *Evans*, No. 11511.

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470. VIRGINIA. JULY SESSION, 1771. Acts | of the | General Assembly, | 12 Geo. III. With an | Index. | [Arms.] [Second Session, July, 1771.] Folio (13⅝ by 8⅝). sewed.

Williamsburg: | Printed by William Rind, Printer to the Colony. |  
M,DCC,LXXII. [1772]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. [1]-8.

REFERENCES: *Clayton-Torrence*, No. 382; *Evans*, No. 12591.

COPIES LOCATED: V. S.; S. L. M. (no title-page); H. L. S.; S. L. M.; C. U.; N. Y. P. (no title-page); B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. S.

There was no Index published with this portion of the Session.

The law relative to the "Relief of the Sufferers by the Loss of Tobacco damaged or burnt in several Warehouses," covers 7½ pages.

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## VIRGINIA

471. VIRGINIA. ACT OF ASSEMBLY, 1773. By the Upper House of Assembly, October 28, 1773. | Gentlemen, | We return the Bill, entitled, "An Act for the Regula- | tion of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing | Frauds in his Majesty's Customs," with our Negative; | [15 lines, recommending changes in same.] Signed by Order, | U. Scott, Cl. Up. Ho. | 4 to (9 by 7), broadside. In cloth folder. [Williamsburg: Printed by William Rind, 1773]

VERY RARE. No copy located.

472. VIRGINIA. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1785. A. Collection | of all such | Public Acts | of the | General Assembly, | and | Ordinances | of the | Conventions | of | Virginia, | Passed since the year 1768, as are now in force; | With a Table of the Principal Matters. | Published under inspection of the Judges of the High Court of | Chancery, by a resolution of General Assembly, | the 16th day of June 1783. | Folio (12 $\frac{3}{8}$  by 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ), half green levant morocco. Richmond: | Printed by Thomas Nicolson and William Prentis. | M,DCC,LXXXV. [1785]

FINE AND PERFECT COPY OF THE FIRST STATE COMPILATION.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso of last blank; Laws, pp. 3-221, verso blank; Table, pp. 223-235, verso blank.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 929; *Evans*, No. 19351.

COPIES LOCATED: V. S.; H. S. P.; N. Y. P.; A. A. S.; S. L. M.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; N. Y. P.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.

The present copy has the autograph signature of *Paul Carrington, Jr.* 1787, who served in the Continental Army, distinguishing himself in the battles of Guilford Court-House and Green Spring. He later served in both Houses of the Virginia Legislature, and afterwards on the bench of the Superior Court.

473. VIRGINIA. BOARD OF COUNCIL, 1786. To prevent Impositions, | The Board in Council, Dec. 1, 1786, | Advise, | That from and after the first day of March, | 1787, no Testimonial be given unless the in- | strument of writing, to which it is to be annexed be | sealed with the seal of the Office from which it may | come, if such office be by law required to keep a | seal. | The Governor orders accordingly, | Copy Teste, | Archibald Blair, C. C. | Folio (11 $\frac{3}{4}$  by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), broadside, piece inset in lower margin. In cloth folder, lettered. [Richmond? 1786]

ORIGINAL ISSUE. Not listed and no copy located. The words "in Council" and the date following the same have been crossed out, and across the top of the sheet is written in ink, "In Council Dec. 4, 1786."

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VIRGINIA

474. VIRGINIA. COUNCIL OF 1788. In Council, 29th Dec. 1788. |  
Gentlemen, | In the settlement of the account of this Common-  
wealth with the United | States, vouchers are required to prove  
that the recruits, provisions, clothing, | forage, arms, ammunition,  
horses, waggons and teams, and every other species of | supply,  
raised for the support of the late war were actually appropriated  
to that purpose . . . | [21 lines] | I am Gentlemen, | with great  
respect, | Your most obedient. | Beverley Randolph. | 4 to (9 by  
6¼), printed on the first page of a 4-page folder. In cloth folder,  
lettered. [Richmond: Printed by Thomas Nicolson? 1788]

A VERY RARE PRINTED CIRCULAR LETTER RELATIVE TO THE VIRGINIA  
LINE IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY. NO COPY LOCATED.

REFERENCES: *Evans*, No. 21562.

475. VIRGINIA. OCTOBER SESSION, 1793. Acts | Passed at a | General  
Assembly | of the | Commonwealth | of | Virginia. | Begun and  
held at the Capitol, in the City of Rich- | mond on Monday, the  
twenty-first day of Oc- | tober, one thousand seven hundred and |  
ninety-three. | Folio (13¼ by 8¼), sewed, uncut, signature of  
*John Peackle, Seur.*, on title.  
Richmond: | Printed by Augustine Davis, Printer for the Public. |  
M,DCC,XCIV. [1794]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. [3]-52; Table, pp. [53]-

55.  
REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 392; *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 585.  
COPIES LOCATED: B. A. N. Y.; S. L. M.; H. S. P.; N. Y. S.; C. U.; N. Y. P.  
The last act passed is that for December 11, 1793.

476. VIRGINIA. ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY. 1794. A | Collection | of  
All such Acts | of | the | General Assembly | of | Virginia, | of a  
Public and Permanent Nature, as are now in | Force; | With a  
Table of the Principal Matters. | To which are Prefixed the  
Declaration of Rights, | and Constitution, or Form of Govern-  
ment. | Published Pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly,  
Inti- | tuled, "An Act Providing for the Republication of the | Laws  
of the Commonwealth," Passed on the Twenty- | Eighth Day of  
December, One Thousand Seven | Hundred and Ninety-Two. |  
Folio (14 ¼ by 9½), original sheep, binding somewhat worn.  
Richmond: | Printed by Augustine Davis, Printer to the Com-  
monwealth, 1794

FINE AND PERFECT COPY.

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Acts, pp. 3-342; Table, pp. 343-  
380.

REFERENCES: *Tower*, No. 932.

COPIES LOCATED: L. C.; H. S. P.; S. L. M.; N. Y. P.; N. Y. H.; H. L. S.;  
N. Y. S.; B. A. N. Y.; A. A. S.; C. U.

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## VIRGINIA

### 476. VIRGINIA. ACTS OF ASSEMBLY, 1794: *Continued.*

This Compilation contains 181 statutes, from 1736 to 1794, including those acts relating to TITLES OF LAND, THE ERECTION OF THE DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY INTO A SEPARATE STATE.

This copy contains the autograph signature, in two places, of *Jos. Hopkinson* (son of Francis Hopkinson, the Signer), born in 1770, died in 1842; graduated at Pennsylvania University in 1786; District Judge of Pennsylvania, 1828-1842. He is better known as the author of "Hail Columbia."

### 477. VIRGINIA. NOVEMBER SESSION, 1795. Acts | Passed at a | General Assembly | of the | Commonwealth | of | Virginia, | Be- gun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Richmond, | on Tuesday, the eleventh day of November, one | thousand seven hundred and ninety-four. | Folio (13 by 8), sewed, uncut, auto- graph of *Col. Levi Todd* on title.

Richmond: | Printed by Augustine Davis, Printer to the Public.  
M, DCC, XCV. [1795]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, [3]-35; Table, pp. [36]-39.  
verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 585.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.; C. U.; N. Y. P.

The last act passed is that of December 23, 1794.

### 478. VIRGINIA. ABRIDGED LAWS, 1796. [Randolph (Edmund).] Abridgment | of the | Public Permanent Laws | of | Virginia. | [27 lines relative to contents.] Small 4 to (9½ by 6⅞), original boards, sheep back.

Richmond: | Printed by Augustine Davis, | M, DCC, XCVI. [1796]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; Preface, pp. ii; Text, pp. [3]-375;  
verso of last blank; Laws Omitted in the Revised Code, pp. [377]-381; Appen-  
dix, pp. [381]-382; Index, pp. [383]-385. Pages after 381 have odd numbers on  
left side.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; N. Y. S.; L. C.; H. L. S.; B. A. N. Y.

### 479. VIRGINIA. DECEMBER SESSION, 1803. Acts | Passed at a | General Assembly | of the | Commonwealth | of | Virginia: | Begun and held at the capitol, in the | City of Richmond, on Monday, the | fifth day of December, one | thousand eight hun- | dred and three. | Folio (12 by 7½), half sheep, autograph of *Doctor William* *Foushee* on title.

Richmond: | Printed by Meriwether Jones, | Printer to the  
Commonwealth. [1804]

COLLATION: Title, one leaf, verso blank; text, pp. [3]-91, verso of last blank;  
Index, pp. v, verso of last blank.

REFERENCES: *Hand-List Mass. State Library*, Page 585.

COPIES LOCATED: S. L. M.; A. A. S.; B. A. N. Y.; N. Y. S. (Index imperfect).

The last act passed is that of February 3, 1804.

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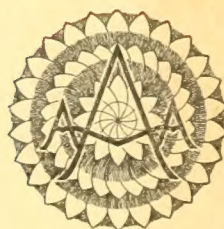








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